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Lord Mountbatten.

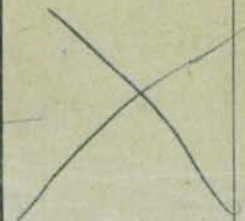
ROYAL FAMILY

Part 1: Sept 1979

Part 2: June 1981

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PART 2 ends:-

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PART 3 begins:-

Final Draft Order of Events
(Reception)
3/10



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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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Telephone 01-~~9387022~~ 218 2111/3

MO 27/5/1/1

29th September 1983

Dear Tim

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE

As you will be aware arrangements for the unveiling ceremony for the Mountbatten statue include speeches by The Queen, the Prime Minister and Lady Mountbatten.

/ I attach a copy of a draft speech for the Prime Minister
/ which has been prepared in the Department and agreed by the
Secretary of State. For information I also attach copies of the
draft speeches for The Queen and Lady Mountbatten which are being
forwarded separately to the Palace. Naturally it will be important
that all three speeches complement one another and they have been
drafted with this in mind. No doubt you will liaise with the Palace
so that any changes made to one are taken into account as appropriate
in the others.

Yours

Simon Lowe

(S H LOWE)
Private Secretary

T Flesher Esq

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
HEADQUARTERS
CANTONMENT
NEW DELHI



30 SEP 1983



DRAFT SPEECH BY PRIME MINISTER

Today is gathered together a very distinguished, wide-ranging international audience to pay tribute to a man who made a major and distinctive contribution to our history in this century.

This unveiling ceremony is the culmination of an initiative which was begun some two years ago. The Government was delighted with the ground-swell of public opinion which arose in favour of a permanent monument to Lord Mountbatten and I was very proud to be the Chairman of the most distinguished group of sponsors who launched the appeal and which has had such a widespread and generous response.

Lord Mountbatten was a man of great vitality which enabled him to achieve distinction in many aspects of life. Many here have had personal experience of his professional skill, technical mastery, inventive mind, love of life, and strong sense of family ties.

I should like to say a few words today about Lord Mountbatten's service to the nation which started in 1913 ~~1914~~ and which continued in an increasing variety of roles, responsibilities and challenges for sixty years - a tremendous span of service. He chose as a profession the Royal Navy where the unexpected and the unknown have made and continue to make great demands

on the skills and character of its officers and men. How he responded to these demands and rose, almost inevitably, to be the leader of his Service is symbolised in the inspiring story of HMS Kelly. It was the quality of the man as much as his professional skill which led Sir Winston Churchill to call on him first to take over as Chief of Combined Operations and then to become Supreme Allied Commander South East Asia. These two very different appointments had certain common threads: they called for dynamic creativity; they needed a team-spirit and a sense of identity to be developed and inspired by personal leadership. That this was outstandingly well done is now a matter of history.

The post-war years placed equally demanding and varied burdens on him. There was first the immense problem of the Indian sub-continent. As a practising politician I know that some problems are impossible of immediate solution. I am sure that my distinguished predecessor Lord Attlee faced such a predicament and as he said in his memoirs: "I did not think that the chances of success were very good but I thought that there was one man who might pull it off. Admiral Mountbatten, a brilliant sailor, had imagination, sympathy and tremendous drive. I knew, also, that he had, in Lady Mountbatten, a wife who would admirably assist him." Looked at in the perspective, still short,

of history I believe that he achieved much more than could reasonably have been expected. Moreover such was his personality that even when decisions of the utmost difficulty needed to be taken he retained the respect and affection of all those most directly involved.

Organisation and management are often underrated as fields for achievement but here too Lord Mountbatten played a major role in the radical changes which led to the unification and restructuring of the Ministry of Defence. The changes were wholly consistent with his strong belief in the working together of the three Services.

Lord Mountbatten's service to the country continued long after the end of his active service as Chief of the Defence Staff until it was sadly and deplorably curtailed by the circumstances of his death. It is right that there should be a lasting and visible memorial to a lifetime dedicated to the service of this country and to the cementing of relations with our allies and Commonwealth friends. It is I am sure with feelings of pride, respect and humility that we all are present today.



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DRAFT SPEECH BY LADY MOUNTBATTEN

My sister and I and all the members of the family are deeply touched and indeed overawed by this occasion. We are greatly honoured that your Majesty has graciously agreed to unveil this statue of my father and has spoken so kindly and personally about his achievements. We are most appreciative also of the terms of the address by the Prime Minister and by the initiative taken by her and the other sponsors to launch the Appeal and of the dedicated efforts of the Trustees and Assessors who saw it through to such an impressive conclusion.

May I pay special tribute to Mr. Franta Belsky who has, I believe, both in the pose and in the details caught admirably not just the likeness but the inner spirit of my father.

It gives me both great pride and a sense of deep humility to see the wide span of those present today: relatives, friends, colleagues and representatives of many organisations and from so many countries, with whom my father was associated. It was above all people who inspired him and we are deeply touched that so many facets of his life are represented here today. May I express my deep thanks to your Majesty, to the Prime Minister, to all of you who are present and to the very large number who have subscribed and who regrettably cannot attend for making possible such a moving and impressive memorial.

Royal Family Mountbatten memorial A 2



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PERSONAL



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

24 September, 1983.

Mountbatten Statue

Before replying to your letter of 13 September about invitations to the unveiling ceremony of the Mountbatten Statue, I thought that I should look at our policy across the board. It does seem that the normal policy is in line with that followed for the cenotaph, and I think that it would be right to stick to that for this occasion also. In other words, I agree with the proposal in the second paragraph of your letter that representation at Party leader level would be restricted to the Prime Minister, Mr. Foot and Mr. Steel, who are also co-sponsors of the appeal, and to the new leader of the Opposition when we know who he is.

F. E. R. BUTLER

E. Broadbent, Esq., CB, CMG,
Ministry of Defence.

PERSONAL

PRIME MINISTERINVITATIONS TO THE MOUNTBATTEN CEREMONY

The proposed guest list for the Mountbatten ceremony included the Leader of the Opposition (when elected) and Dr. David Owen. Mr. Foot and Mr. Steel are invited as trustees. No other party leaders were included.

I thought that this would be an awkward precedent both for the Cenotaph ceremony and for State banquets for which, as you know, only the leaders of the Opposition and of the Liberal Party are included. If we were to extend that list for the Mountbatten ceremony, I suppose that we could extend it to leaders of parties who are also Privy Councillors, which would bring in Mr. Stewart and Mr. Molyneux as well as Dr. Owen. But my own feeling is that it would be better to stick to the normal rule. Agree? *Yes not*

The Ministry of Defence are content to accept our guidance on this and the Chief Whip agrees with the above advice.

F.R.B.

23 September, 1983

DRAFT

LOOSE MINUTE

D/PS(A) 80/8/7 PS12(A)

Sep 83

2nd PUS

Copy to:

DS Sec

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE UNVEILING CEREMONY AND RECEPTION - PROGRAMMES FOR THE
PRIME MINISTER AND SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT

1. As you are aware detailed planning for the Ceremony and the Reception is well advanced, and there is a need to establish the precise involvement of the Prime Minister and other senior members of the Government.

2. After informal discussion with the Prime Minister's Private Secretary, *subject to the Prime Minister's approval (which should be obtained when the programme has been completed but before it has been finally approved by the Queen)* he has agreed that the Prime Minister's programme should be as at Enclosure 1.

Mr Thatcher will act as a private guest throughout the event.

3. The following senior members of the Government will be attending:

Viscount Whitelaw
The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe
The Rt Hon Michael Heseltine
The Rt Hon Patrick Jenkin
The Rt Hon Leon Brittan
Mr John Stanley
Lord David Trefgarne

Lord President of the Council
The Foreign Secretary
The Defence Secretary
The Environment Secretary
The Home Secretary
Minister of State for the Armed Forces
Under Secretary of State for the
Armed Forces

A proposed programme for the Secretary of State for Defence is at Enclosure 2. There would be no need for other senior members of the Government to be involved in the Ceremony. I suggest, however, that they host the Foreign Crowned Heads at the Reception, apart from The Foreign Secretary who will be escorting the Foreign Ministers of India and Burma. My proposed solution is at Enclosure 3. It is not yet known how many Foreign Crowned Heads will be attending. I understand that you have also suggested that The Chiefs of Staff could help if necessary.

4. I would very much hope to receive a reply to these proposals by 12 Oct so that The Defence Services Secretary is able to brief The Royal Household on 19 Oct.

W E WINDER
Brig
DDPS(Army)

Enclosures:

1. Proposed Prime Minister's Programme.
2. Proposed Secretary of State for Defence's Programme.
3. Proposed programme for senior members of the Government.

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE UNVEILING

PROPOSED PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME

1. At 1030 arrive by car at Foreign Office Green (The Ground) and proceed to the Royal Dais.

2. At 1048, ^{after the} ~~Secretary~~ Secretary of State for Defence ^{has taken up} ~~his~~ her seat, leave the Royal Dais with Countess Mountbatten of Burma, and move to the main entrance of the Ground.

order of precedence

3. At 1050 receive the Crowned Heads of Foreign Royal Families.

order of precedence

4. At 1055 receive Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. (In this and the former case the Royal Guests will be conducted to their seats by Ushers).

5. At about 1103 receive The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh after The Queen has inspected the Guard of Honour. Then with Countess Mountbatten conduct The Queen to the Royal Dais. All other guests stand

who walks with whom?

6. On arrival on the Dais, ^{guests are seated after The Queen sits down. Prime Minister remains standing and} make a short speech of welcome and invite The Queen to unveil the Statue. ~~Return to seat~~ ^{Prime Minister} Remains standing

7. After The Queen has spoken, accompany The Queen with Countess Mountbatten while Her Majesty unveils the Statue, returning to the Dais on completion.

Pattern of march

All sit down

*Queen
Countess Mountbatten PM*

*Mr. Rocky
Wicks comes forward
presents book of dawn*

8. At about 1120 (after the Dedication) The Queen, The Duke of Edinburgh and Countess Mountbatten will leave the Royal Dais with those in Attendance to

meet those involved in the Statue Appeal and members of Ex-Servicemen's Associations. ^{As Her Majesty leaves her seat, Prime Minister rises to take leave of PM (? and Duke of Edinburgh)} Take leave of Her Majesty and leave The Ground by the main entrance. Go by car to the RUSI front entrance by way of Horse Guards Arch.

*Then shortly after
Royal Party is
proceeding
to presentation
leaves between
the Royal Dais
and Stand B.*

9. At about 1135 receive The Queen and other members of the Royal and Mountbatten Families at the front entrance of the RUSI. They will be conducted to the RUSI Lecture Theatre for pre-Reception refreshment by Gentlemen Ushers and members of the Household.

10. When all the Royal and Mountbatten guests have arrived, proceed to the RUSI Lecture Theatre to join Her Majesty .

11. After all the Royal guests apart from The Queen, The Duke of Edinburgh The Queen Mother and Foreign Crowned Heads have joined the Reception, ^{the Prime Minister will be given the word to} proceed to the Banqueting House by way of the first floor of RUSI.

12. At about 1200 receive The Queen at the Reception and accompany Her Majesty until she leaves.

13. At 1245 accompany The Queen, The Duke of Edinburgh and The Queen Mother to the front entrance of the Banqueting House from whence they will leave for Buckingham Palace.

14. Rejoin the Reception. Take up position in front of Her Throne to say farewell to ^{Royal} guests. [All Royal guests will have left by]

15. ^{After an interval} ~~Thereafter~~ leave Her Reception by RUSI entrance and proceed to Buckingham Palace in time to arrive by

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE UNVEILINGPROPOSED PROGRAMME FOR SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE

1. At 1030 arrive by car at Foreign Office Green (The Ground) and wait at the main entrance facing the Horse Guards Approach Road.
2. At 1035 receive members of Foreign Royal Families other than crowned heads.
3. At 1040 receive members of The Royal Family. (In this and the former case the Royal guests will be conducted to their seats by Ushers). When the last Royal guest arrives, conduct them to their seats, and then go to own seat in VIP stand B. (This will be the cue for The Prime Minister to leave the Royal Dais with Countess Mountbatten).
4. At the end of the Ceremony (after the dedication) step forward to be presented to The Queen by the Defence Services Secretary. Then accompany Her Majesty during the 'Walkabout', first of all presenting to The Queen:

Rear Admiral Sir Leslie Townsend	}	Trustees of the Statue Appeal
Sir Arthur Hockaday		
Mr Ewen Broadbent	}	
Mr Franta Belsky		the Sculptor
Mr Charles Pollard		the Architect
Lord McAlpine		the Contractor
Mr Peter Garvey		McAlpines Supervisor
(tbn)		the Site Foreman
Mr Jack Crofton		the bronze caster
Mr Keith Robertson		the inscriber of the Book of Donors
Mr Alan Winstanley		the Bookbinder
Mr Rocky Wilkins		the Secretary of the HMS KELLY Re-Union Association
Chief Officer Valerie Thomas	}	Mountbatten Statue Appeal
Senior Aircraft Woman Debra Lewis		

The same presentation will be made to The Duke of Edinburgh by The Defence Services Secretary, and to The Queen Mother by Brigadier Winder, DDPS(Army).

5. Then continue to accompany The Queen while Her Majesty meets members of the Services and Ex-Service Associations who have been standing during the Ceremony.
6. After The Queen has left the Ground at 1135, move by car with The Defence Services Secretary and Brigadier Winder to the front entrance of RUSI via Horse Guards Arch.

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7. Pass through the RUSI building to the Banqueting House by way of the first floor. Wait in the Reception until the entry of The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.
8. Accompany the Duke of Edinburgh throughout the Reception until he leaves with The Queen at 1245 from the front entrance of the Banqueting House.
9. Rejoin the Reception.

MUMBAI EN STATE UNVEILINGPROPOSED PROGRAMME FOR SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENTAT THE CEREMONY

No direct involvement other than the Secretary of State for Defence (see separate programme at Enclosure 2), and the Foreign Secretary who may be escorting the Foreign Ministers of India and Burma.

AT THE RECEPTION

Viscount Whitelaw	Present senior members of the Government to their guests, namely:
The Defence Secretary	The Duke of Edinburgh
The Environment Secretary	HM The King of Norway *
The Home Secretary	TRH The Princess Juliana of the Netherlands and The Prince of The Netherlands. *
Mr John Stanley	HM Queen Ingrid Queen Mother of Denmark *
Lord David Trefgarne	TM King Constantine and Queen Anne-Marie of the Hellenes

* Subject to acceptance of the Invitation.

The Defence Services Secretary will accompany The Queen Mother. Viscount Whitelaw will join The Queen Mother after making the presentations. Senior members of the Government will take their Royal guests to a specific group where a nominated Group Leader will bring forward other guests to present. At the end of the Reception, or when required, the hosts will conduct their guests back to RUSI from whence they will depart by car for the next engagement.

THE RT. HON. DAVID STEEL, M.P.

WR Sean

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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Handwritten notes:
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19th September 1983

Dear Mr. Flesher,

Further to my telephone conversation with your private office this morning, I am writing to confirm that Mr. Steel will now be able to attend the reception following the unveiling ceremony for the Earl Mountbatten statue on Wednesday 2nd November.

He looks forward to the occasion.

Yours sincerely,

Beverley Miles

Beverley Miles
Private Office

Timothy Flesher, Esq
The Private Secretary
10 Downing Street
London SW1

Royal Family: Mountbatten

Ante: Pt. 2.

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON W.C.2

Duty Clerk

Note below

Joy

DT noted in
diary.

Is this "tied up".

Please see 'X' on Tim's copy
minute below. There's nothing on
CF's file.

Kay

15.9.83

Duty Clerk - pl. see Joy's note. Kay
15/9

Kay - DT did write
something on the bottom
of the original, to TIM,
I am sure. Could you
ask someone to search his
Tray again? Let me know
if still nothing & I will
ask D.T. again.

Joy
15/9

From: E Broadbent CB CMG
Second Permanent Under Secretary of State

2nd PUS/889/83



PERSONAL

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13 September 1983

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Dear Robin

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE

We spoke about the possible embarrassment that could be caused to the Government if Dr Owen were invited to attend the unveiling ceremony for the Mountbatten statue; you were particularly concerned at the precedent that might be set for this year's Cenotaph service. The question also arose as to whether, if Dr Owen did attend, Messrs Stewart and Molyneux as leaders of other minority parties in the Commons should also be invited.

2. You will therefore be relieved to hear that we were able to hold up the despatch of an invitation to Dr Owen. I assume we do not do so which would obviate the need to send invitations to Messrs Stewart and Molyneux. Representation at party leader level will then be restricted to the Prime Minister, Mr Foot and Mr Steel, all of whom are co-sponsors of the Mountbatten Statue appeal; and the new leader of the Labour party who will receive an invitation once we know who it is! I assume you accept he should receive a last minute invitation.

Y *end*
Evans

PERSONAL

MR. THATCHER

I am very sorry that you were not told sooner about the Mountbatten Statue unveiling ceremony. What is happening is that there is a ceremony on Horseguards Parade at 1100 hrs. on Wednesday 2 November for the unveiling of the Statue of Mountbatten which was financed by the Appeal of which the Prime Minister is a co-sponsor. The Queen will perform the unveiling and the Prime Minister will make a short speech. This will be followed by a reception at the Banqueting House. I do not think that you need regard this as being a "compulsory" occasion. If you wish to attend I will make the necessary arrangements.

X. ||

T.F.

7 September 1983

Jim

Cashier need to complete
these in my behalf after
consultations.

It now appears that
I do this at lunch and
General Byrd's - Smith in
the evening. But
no one told me — am
I correct?

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THE UNVEILING OF THE EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA
MEMORIAL STATUE

Wednesday 2nd November 1983

NAME(S).....
(IN BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)

- * *has/have much pleasure in accepting* } *the invitation of The Prime Minister*
- * *regret(s) being unable to accept* } *and Her Majesty's Government*
- * *require/do not require car parking label*
- * *Please delete whichever is not applicable and return without delay*

Admission cards will be sent about 2 weeks before the Ceremony

Ministry of Defence PS 12 (Army),

Room 337,

Lansdowne House,

Berkeley Square,

London W1X 6AA



The Prime Minister and Her Majesty's Government
request the honour of the company of

Mr Denis Thatcher

at the Unveiling of the Memorial Statue of
Admiral of The Fleet The Earl Mountbatten of Burma
KG, PC, GCB, OM, GCSI, GCIE, GCVO, DSO

by

Her Majesty The Queen
on The Foreign Office Green, Horse Guards Parade
at 11 am on Wednesday 2nd November 1983
followed by a Reception at The Banqueting House, Whitehall

*If you accept this invitation the appropriate
tickets and instructions will be sent to you*

You will be asked to be seated by 10.25 am

RSVP on the enclosed card
by 23 September 1983
Ministry of Defence PS 12 (Army)
Room 337 Lansdowne House
Berkeley Square LONDON W1X 6AA

THIS CARD WILL NOT ADMIT

LOOSE MINUTE

D/PS(A)80/8/8 PS12(A)

September 1983

FCO

Diplomatic Protection Group (Met Police)

Downing Street (No 10) *1983*

DOE (Royal Parks)

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE UNVEILING - USE OF FOREIGN OFFICE GREEN

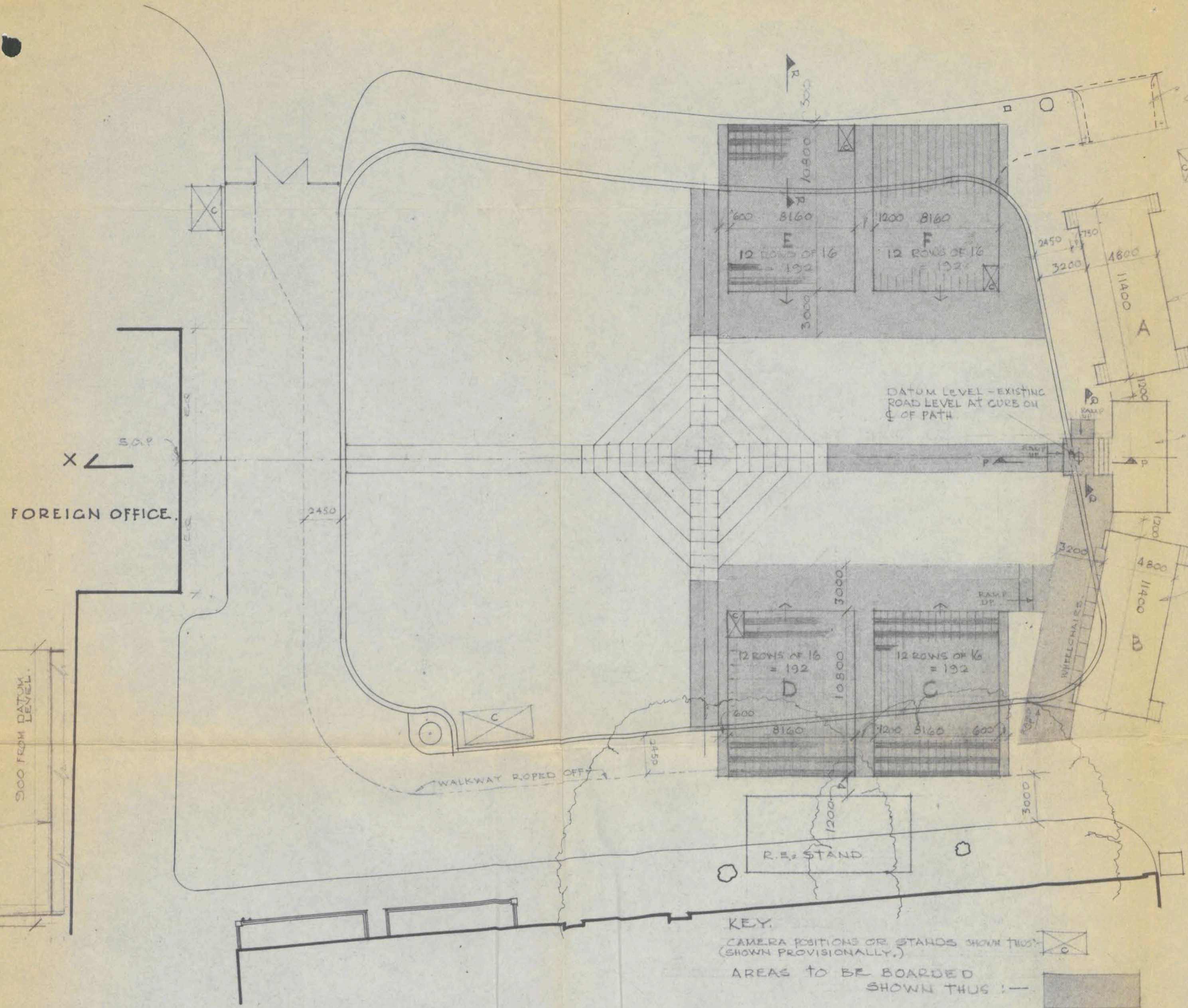
1. A statue of Earl Mountbatten will be unveiled by The Queen on Foreign Office Green on 2 Nov 83. About 1,000 people will attend the ceremony which will involve laying out stands and blocks of seating as described on the attached blueprint. This minute will acquaint you with what is involved, and how it will affect the approaches to the FCO.
2. At an on-site meeting between Mr Joce (No 10 Downing St), Chief Superintendent Bromley (DPG) and the Mountbatten Project Officer it was agreed that a tiered stand (RE Stand) could be placed as shown near the Downing St garden wall. The stand would need a wire mesh and hessian screen at the back up to a height of 5m. This will be arranged.
3. Blocks C and D, and the RE stand, will also obstruct the road leading to the FCO but to a limited extent. Blocks C and D (chairs placed at ground level) will be positioned during the week 24-28 Oct, but there will be sufficient room for a car to pass behind them. The RE stand will be in position 31 Oct - 2 Nov (inc).
4. Interference with access to the FCO is regretted, but it is assumed that this will be acceptable in the circumstances.

I D G Garnett

I D G GARNETT
 Commander RN
 PS12(c)
 Mountbatten Statue
 Project Officer
 LA338 7343LA

Enclosure:

1. Blueprint of site



ROYAL DAIS - RAF DAIS SEATING 12

VIPs - 2 STANDS SEATING 75 EACH = 150 (SEATS @ 600 CRT, ROWS @ 300 CRT)

MAIN SEATING 4 BLOCKS AS SHOWN = 768 (SEATS @ 510 CRT, ROWS @ 900 CRT)

PRELIMINARY

AMENDMENTS		
A.	MONUMENT & PATHS REALIGNED. ROYAL DAIS AMENDED. VIP STANDS REPOSITIONED. MAIN SEATING BLOCKS AMENDED. DATUM LEVEL REPOSITIONED. SECTIONS P, Q & R ADDED.	RW 24/73
B.	R.E. STAND ADDED. WHEELCHAIR POSITIONS & RAMP ADDED. CAMERA POSITIONS SHOWN PROVISIONALLY.	RW 24/73

FOREIGN OFFICE GREEN.		
Office of Origin	Title	
Director, London Region Area Office London Central South Dover House, 170, Westminster Bridge Road, London. SE1 7RW. 01-928-9080	SEATING ACCOMMODATION.	
Officer Responsible A. J. HENSHAW.	Appointment	Type of Drawing
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KEY.

CAMERA POSITIONS OR STANDS SHOWN THUS: (SHOWN PROVISIONALLY.)

AREAS TO BE BOARDED SHOWN THUS: —

Property Services Agency - DOE.

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HC

9 September 1983

PERSONAL AND RESTRICTED

Thank you very much for your letter of 9 September about the Mountbatten Statue. I am reassured by what you say and am very grateful to you for looking into this matter.

F. E. R. BUTLER

E. Broadbent, Esq., C.B., C.M.G.,
Ministry of Defence.

NR

From: E Broadbent CB CMG
Second Permanent Under Secretary of State

and PUS/877/83



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PERSONAL AND RESTRICTED

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9 September 1983

R Butler Esq
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Dear Robin

When I came over to see you a few days ago about the Mountbatten statue you raised the question of its protection.

2. My people have spoken to Cannon Row who are well aware of the concern. Both the policemen on the beat and the Diplomatic Protection Group have been given appropriate instructions.
3. I conclude that reasonable precautions have been taken.

✓ *ever*
Ernie

PERSONAL AND RESTRICTED

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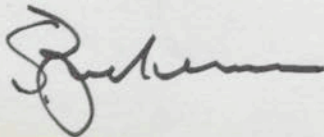
Timothy Flesher Esq.,
Private Secretary to
the Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
London W1.

15th August, 1983

Dear Mr Flesher,

Thank you for your letter of 4th August
about the unveiling ceremony for the Earl
Mountbatten of Burma statue. I have put the
date in my diary and shall be there.

Yours sincerely,



Loyal family
cc MGD



The Barlins

In the Convent

Shroton

Dorset

DTG & QA

14.8.53

R17

Dear Dishes

Thank you for your

letter of 4th August. Will you

please convey my thanks to the

Prime Minister for her kind

invitation to the unveiling of

the memorial stone on 2nd

November, and to the reception

at the Banqueting House after

the ceremony, which I shall

Rouse family
Mountbatten
pr 2



be delighted to attend unless
something unforeseen intervenes.

Yours sincerely

John Harding

ROYAL FAMILY, FOREIGN ROYALTY AND MOUNTBATTEN FAMILY

Royal Family

Mountbatten Family

Countess Mountbatten
 Lord Brabourne
 Lord and Lady Romsey
 The Hon M-J Knatchbull
 Lady J Knatchbull
 Lady A Knatchbull
 The Hon P Knatchbull
 The Hon T Knatchbull
 Lady P Hicks
 Mr D Hicks
 Mr A Hicks
 Miss E Hicks
 Miss I Hicks
 The Marchioness of Milford Haven
 The Marquess of Milford Haven
 Lord I Mountbatten
 Mary Lady Delamere
 Countess of Brecknock
 Mrs Harold Phillips
 Major and Mrs D Butter

*File on papers about
 Mountbatten statue unveiling. (Note:
 the invitation to Dr. Owen has been held up and I
 have asked the Chief Whip's office for advice on Party leaders
 The Duchess of Abercorn to be invited)
 Mrs Marian Eastwood
 Mr Peter Eastwood*

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Foreign Royal Families

The King of Norway
 Princess Juliana and The Prince of the Netherlands
 Queen Ingrid Queen Mother of Denmark
 The King and Queen of Sweden
 The King and Queen of Spain
 King Constantine and Queen Anne-Marie of the Hellenes
 Princess Irene of Greece
 Prince and Princess George William of Hanover
 The Princess of Hesse and The Rhine
 The Prince and Princess of Hohenlohe-Langenburg
 Princess Beatrix of Hohenlohe-Langenburg
 The Margrave and Margravine of Baden
 Princess Tomislav of Yugoslavia
 Mrs R van Eyck
 Princess Margaretha, Mrs John Ambler
 Mr John Ambler

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Plus:

In Attendance from Royal Households 12
 In Attendance on Foreign Royalty 10

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Gentlemen Ushers to The Queen 14
 Lord Chamberlain 1
 Comptroller and Assistant Comptroller Lord Chamberlain's
 Office 2
 Master of the Household 1
 The Queen's Press Secretary 1
 Keeper of the Privy Purse 1
 FORY 1
 Captain of The Queen's Flight 1

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GROUP 1 - VIP LIST 1

Mr and Mrs Belsky (the Sculptor)	2
The Bishop of London	1
<u>Sponsors</u> - Prime Minister (+ Mr Thatcher), Foot, Steel, John, Harding, Boyle, Trevelyan, Zuckerman	9
<u>Trustees</u> - Nott, Heseltine, Hockaday, Townsend, Broadbent	5
<u>Assessors</u> - Lewin, Kaye, Piper, Casson, Bowness, Moore	6
<u>Secretary's of State etc</u> - Lord President of the Council, FCO, Environment, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Home Office	5
<u>Ministers</u> - Min Def (AF), US of S (AF)	2
<u>Former PMs</u> - McMillan, Wilson, Home, Callaghan, Heath	5
<u>Party Leaders</u> - [Owen and](Labour)	2
<u>Chiefs of Staff</u> - CDS, CNS, CGS, CAS	4
Lord Lieutenant of Greater London	1
Lord Mayor of Westminster	1
<u>PUS's</u> Secretary of the Cabinet Defence FCO <i>Amson</i> <i>TJ</i> <i>Hre</i>	3

GROUP 2 - DIPLOMATIC CORPS

Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps - Lt Gen Sir John Richards	1
Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps - Hon Eustace Gibbs	1
Assistant Marshal - Mr Stanley Martin	1
The Commonwealth Secretary General	1
The High Commissioners for:	
Australia	
Bahamas	
Bangladesh	
Canada	
India + Wife	
Malaysia	
New Zealand	
Singapore	
Sri Lanka	10
The Acting High Commissioner for:	
Malta	1
The Ambassadors of:	
Belgium	
Burma + Wife	
China	
Denmark	
Dominican Republic (Dean of the Diplomatic Corps)	
France	
Germany (Federal Republic)	
Ireland (Republic of)	
Luxembourg	
Nepal	
Netherlands	
Norway	
Pakistan	
South Africa	
Spain	
Sweden	
Thailand	
United States	19
<u>Foreign Ministers</u>	
India + Wife	2
Burma + Wife	2

GROUP 3 - VIP LIST 2

Former CDS's - Dickson, Hull, Elworthy, Hill-Norton, Carver, Ashmore, Cameron	7
<u>Admirals of the Fleet</u> - Begg, Pollock, Leach	3
<u>FM's</u> - Cassels, Gibbs + General Sir Peter Hunt (former CGS)	2
<u>MRAF</u> - Harris, Grandy, Spotswood, Beetham	4
<u>PPO's</u> - VCDS(P&L). 2SL, AG, AMP	4
DGNPS/DPS(Army)/DGPS(RAF)	3
CPR	1
PPS to PM	1
GOC London District	1
CGRM	1
Admiral Brockman	1
Col Life Guards	1
Col The Royal Hampshire Regiment	1
Col The Parachute Regiment	1
Col The Queen's Own Highlanders	1
Major General The Brigade of Gurkhas	1
Bty Comd 289th Cdo Bty RA (Vols)	1
Lord Mayor of London	1
Lord Provost of Edinburgh	1
Lord Mayor of Portsmouth	1
Chairman GLC	1
Commissioner Metropolitan Police	1
Commissioner St John's Ambulance	1
Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire	1
Chairman Hampshire County Council	1
Lord McAlpine	1

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GROUP 3 - VIP LIST 2 (Cont'd)

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Sir James Spooner	1
Lord Mountbatten's Life Guards ADC	1
Lord Mountbatten's RM ADC	1
Admiral Sir Derek Empson	1
Rear-Admiral P N Hawes	1
Lt Col Sir Vivian Dunn	1
Major General P Mitchell (Canadian co-ordinator)	1
Mr and Mrs W Charles Williams (a principal benefactor)	2
Mr Roy Kirk (William & Glyn's - Appeal Fund Bankers)	1
The Lord Chancellor	1
The Speaker of the House of Commons	1

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GROUP 4 - REPRESENTATIVE CONTRIBUTORS

Major Institutions (by ballot)	5
Private Individuals (by ballot)	5

GROUP 5 - STATUE PROJECT

<u>Steering Committee</u>	5
<u>Unveiling Committee</u>	4
<u>Mountbatten Statue Appeal</u> - Thomas, Lewis, Flynn, Smith, Gresty, Cant	6
<u>Royal Fine Art Commission</u>	2
<u>McAlpines</u> - Scott, Garvey	2
<u>Book of Donors</u> - Winstanley, Robertson	2
<u>Westminster City Planning Officer</u> - Mr I Lacey	1
<u>Architect</u> - Mr C T Pollard	1
<u>Foundry</u> - Mr Jack Crofton	1

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GROUP 6 - REPRESENTATIVES OF HM FORCES

	<u>SEAT & RECEPTION</u>	<u>CEREMONY ONLY SEAT</u>	<u>STANDING</u>
RN (incl WRNS & QARNNS)	15	20	20
RM	5	10	10
ARMY (incl WRAC & QARANC)	10	10	10
RAF (incl WRAF & PMRAFNS)	10	10	10
	<u>40</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>

GROUP 7 - REPRESENTATIVE ORGANISATIONS

		<u>CEREMONY & RECEPTION</u>	<u>CEREMONY ONLY</u>	
			<u>SEAT</u>	<u>STANDING</u>
Royal Naval Association		3	30	30
Royal Marines Association		2	20	20
Royal Air Forces Association		2	10	10
Life Guards Association		2	10	10
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry		2	-	-
Burma Star Association		2	30	30
Chindits Old Comrades Association		1	10	10
Kelly Reunion Association		5	20	-
The Commando Association		1	10	10
Association of Wrens		1	10	10
National Federation of Far East PoW Clubs		2	15	15
King George's Fund for Sailors		2	-	-
British Commonwealth Ex-Service League		2	-	-
Royal Naval Sailing Association		1	-	-
Royal British Legion (incl Women's Section)		6	30	30
SSAFA		2	20	20
The Royal Canadian Legion		2	-	-
Mountbatten Memorial Trust		2	-	-
The Earl Mountbatten of Burma Memorial Society, Calgary, Alberta		2	-	-
Sir Winston Churchill Society Canada		2	-	-
Elder Brethren of Trinity House		2	-	-
International Council of United World Colleges		2	-	-
Eaton House School, Eaton Gate, London		1	-	-
Mountbatten School, Hemel Hemstead		1	-	-
Mountbatten School, Romsey		1	-	-
Royal Automobile Club		1	-	-
The Worshipful Company of Grocers		1	-	-
The Worshipful Company of Mercers		1	-	-
The Worshipful Company of Shipwrights		1	-	-
The Worshipful Company of Salters		1	-	-
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GROUP 8 - SPECIAL FAMILY RELATIONSHIP LIST

John Barrett Esq CVO
The Viscount Astor
The Hon Mrs Sarah Baring
Mrs Robin Compton
Lieutenant Commander and Mrs Robert De Pass
Sir Rupert Hart-Davis
Major General Sir Robert Neville KCMG CBE
Mrs Emma Pilkington
Alan Campbell-Johnson Esq CIE OBE
Miss Barbara Cartland
Captain G A French CBE RN (Ret'd)
Miss Aideen Gore-Booth
Dr Lawson McDonald MA MD FRCP FACC
Mr Henry Manton
Lady Alexandra Metcalfe CBE
Mr Eric Sampson
The Dowager Viscountess Slim
The Viscount Slim
Sir Charles Strong
Mr Kenneth Stronach
Sir Charles Stroughton CBE MC TD
Mr E Watson
Captain Andrew Yates MVO RN
Philip Ziegler Esq
Sir David Wills CBE
H H The Rajmata of Jaipur
Mr and Mrs Douglas Fairbanks
Mrs Pandit
Mrs Heather Hodges
Mr Michael Hodges
Surgeon Captain Preston
Lord and Lady Porchester
Miss Cynthia Brodie
Rear Admiral D H Everett
Lord Adeane
Lord Charteris
Mr Jeremy Bradford

IOW (12)

Sir John Nicholson Bt KBE CIE
Mr J S Horsnell
Miss F D Johns MBE
Rear-Admiral J L Blackham CB DL
Major General Sir Robert Pigot Bt CB OBE RM DL
Air Commodore J M Birkin CB DSO OBE DFC AFC MA DL
Mr F Hodgson
Mr W G Gray
Mr L G Daish
Surgeon Captain R S McDonald MRCS LRCP DMRD RN (Ret'd)
Mr L H Vaines OBE
PC D Gurd
Chairman IOW County Council
(Selection by the IOW Lieutenancy)

GROUP 10 - BROADLANDS

Mayor of Test Valley (Mr Porter) 1

Mayor of Romsey (Mr Gale) 1

Chairman of the Parish of Romsey Extra (Mrs Bunting) 1

(+ 44 to follow)

DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR THE MOUNTBATTEN STATUE UNVEILING CEREMONY AND RECEPTION

ORDER OF CEREMONY

NOTES

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- 1000 The Band of The Life Guards under the direction of Major A J Richards LRAM, ARCM, LGSM will play a selection of music while guests are assembling.
- 1050 A Guard of Honour of The Royal Navy found by HMS EXCELLENT with The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines (Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command) will be drawn up on Horse Guards Approach Road.
- 1052 Standard Bearers of Service Associations will march on and take up position behind the Statue.
- 1055 Members of Foreign Royal Families other than The Crowned Heads arrive and will be escorted to their seats in the VIP Stand.
- 1040 Members of The Royal Family arrive and will be escorted to their seats in the VIP Stand.
- 1050 Crowned Heads of Foreign Royal Families arrive, are received with a Royal Salute and will be escorted to their seats in the VIP Stand.
- 1055 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, arrives and is received with a Royal Salute. The National Anthem will be played. All spectators will stand and compliments will be paid. Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother is then escorted to Her seat.
- 1100 Her Majesty The Queen accompanied by His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, will arrive and be received with a Royal Salute. The National Anthem will be played. All spectators will stand and compliments will be paid. The Queen will inspect the Guard of Honour, drawn up on Horse Guards Approach Road.

The Guard of Honour will give a Royal Salute but National Anthem will not be played. The Prime Minister and Countess Mountbatten of Burma will receive them on arrival.

The Prime Minister, Countess Mountbatten of Burma and The Defence Services Secretary will meet Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother on arrival.

On arrival The Queen will be met by The Defence Services Secretary.

At the entrance to the Ground The Queen will be received by The Prime Minister and Countess Mountbatten of Burma.

Plan of the Ground attached (Annex A)

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh proceed to the dais accompanied by The Prime Minister and Countess Mountbatten of Burma. The route will be lined by detachments from The Services. The Lord Bishop of London will be present at the steps of the dais.

Seating plan attached (Annex B)

1105 The Prime Minister will make a short speech of welcome and will invite The Queen to unveil the Statue.

1110 The Queen speaks.

The Queen accompanied by The Prime Minister and Countess Mountbatten of Burma will walk forward to the statue.

1115 The Unveiling

A Fanfare will be sounded by The State Trumpeters of the Household Cavalry.

The Queen accompanied by The Prime Minister and Countess Mountbatten of Burma will return to the Dais.

The Secretary of the Kelly Reunion Association will move forward to the Dais bearing the Book of Donors, which he will present to Countess Mountbatten of Burma.

A commentary will be given explaining this presentation.

Countess Mountbatten of Burma replies.

The Rt Rev The Rt Hon The Lord Bishop of London will say a prayer of dedication.

A copy of the Prayer is attached (Annex C)

The Queen, and The Duke of Edinburgh will leave the Dais accompanied by The Prime Minister and Countess Mountbatten of Burma, with those in attendance. Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, will leave her seat and join The Queen. The Prime Minister will present to The Queen:

Rear Admiral Sir Leslie Townsend	}	The Trustees
Sir Arthur Hockaday		
Mr Ewen Broadbent		

ORDER OF CEREMONY

NOTES

Mr Franta Belsky, the Sculptor
Mr Charles Pollard, the Architect
Lord McAlpine, the Contractor
Mr Peter Garvey and the site foreman
Mr Jack Crofton, the bronze caster of the statue
Mr Keith Robertson, the inscriber of the Book of Donors
Mr Alan Winstanley, the Bookbinder
Mr Rocky Wilkins, the Secretary of The Kelly Reunion Association
Chief Officer Valerie Thomas
Senior Aircraft Woman Debra Lewis } Mountbatten Statue Appeal

The Prime Minister will take leave of Her Majesty and go to the Banqueting House - RUSI entrance.

The Secretary of State for Defence, the Rt Hon Michael Heseltine MP will make the same presentations to Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother,

The Queen, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and The Duke of Edinburgh will then move behind the statue accompanied by The Secretary of State for Defence and those in attendance and will walk along the enclosure where representatives of Service Associations and public subscribers will be standing to watch the ceremony.

1135 The Queen, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, and The Duke of Edinburgh will leave the ground followed by other Members of The Royal Family, The foreign Crowned Heads and The Mountbatten Family.

Cars will move via Horse Guards Approach Road, Birdcage Walk and Parliament Square into Whitehall and will set down at the RUSI entrance to The Banqueting House.

The Guard of Honour will give a Royal Salute.

1140 The Guard of Honour will march off.

All guests attending the reception at The Banqueting House will immediately move on foot to the Banqueting House across Horse Guards Parade and through Horse Guards Arch.

ORDER OF CEREMONY

NOTES

11/10-1200 Invited guests assemble in The Banqueting House.
Others disperse under their own arrangements.

ARRANGEMENTS AT THE BANQUETING HOUSE WHITEHALL

1140 HM The Queen, Members of The Royal Family, Members of Foreign Royal Families and The Mountbatten Family assemble at The Royal United Services Institution. Drinks will be served.

(The Prime Minister will receive The Queen on arrival)

By 1200 Guests assemble in groups at The Banqueting House. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh walk to the Banqueting House reception. On arrival a fanfare will be played. Other members of The Royal Family, Foreign Royal families the Mountbatten family and The Prime Minister will be escorted to join the reception.

1245 The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will leave The Banqueting House and return to Buckingham Palace via Whitehall and The Mall. Guests invited to attend luncheon at Buckingham Palace will leave The Banqueting House.

1330 Luncheon at Buckingham Palace for those invited.

Other guests leave the reception by 1330 hrs.

UNVEILING OF MOUNTBATTEN STATUE

Annex 'A'

HORSE
GUARDS
PARADE

DOWNING
STREET

No. 10 GARDEN WALL

FCO

BUILDING

DIPLMATIC
CORPS
AND OTHER
VIP'S

SPECTATOR SEATS

ROYAL
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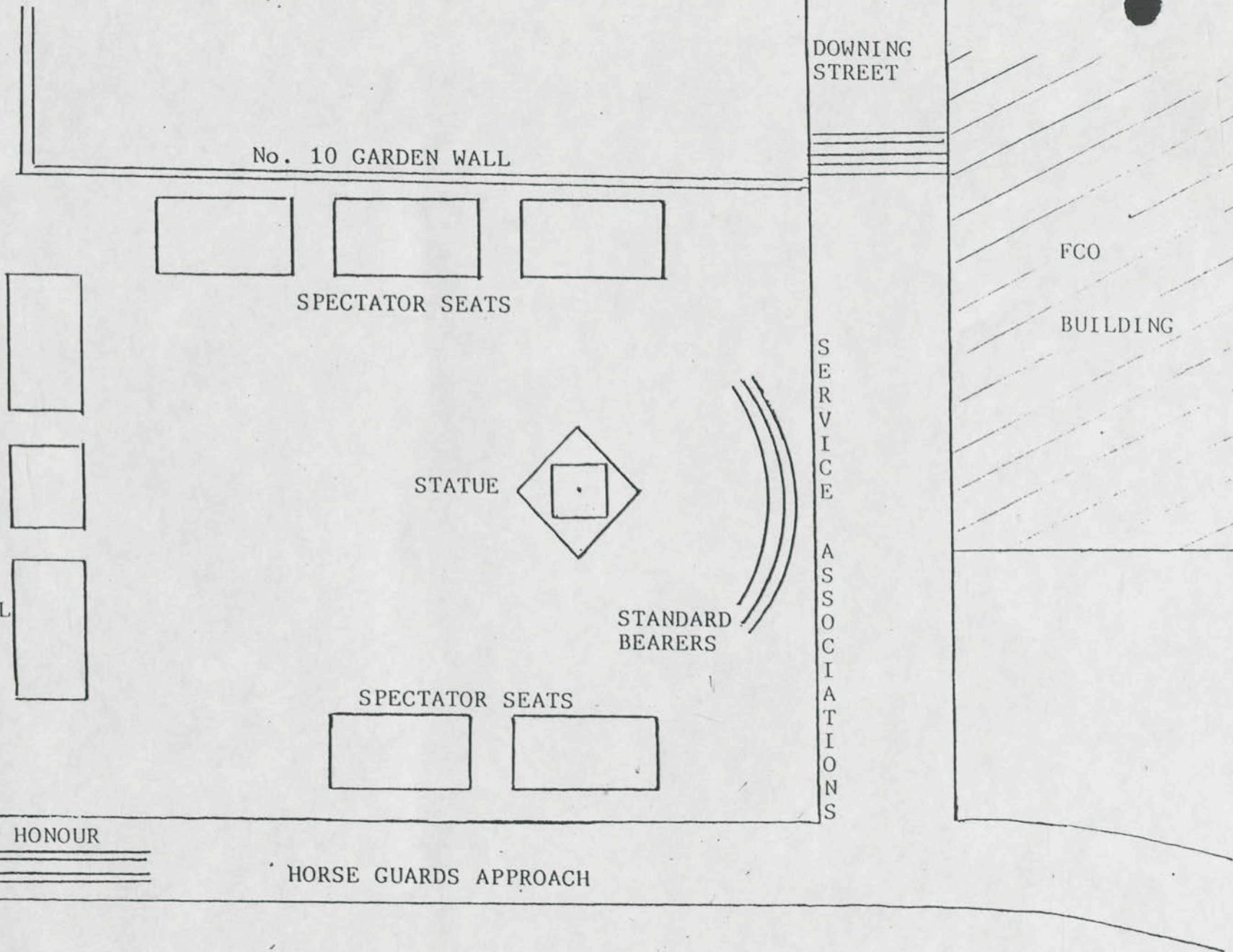
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SPECTATOR SEATS

GUARD OF HONOUR

HORSE GUARDS APPROACH

ST JAMES'S PARK



S E A T I N G P L A N - R O Y A L D A I S

STATUE

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Lady Pamela Hicks	Countess Mountbatten of Burma	The Duke of Edinburgh	THE QUEEN	The Prime Minister	The Lord Bishop of London
Mr David Hicks	Lord Brabourne	Lady-in-Waiting	Sir Philip Moore	Maj Gen J M Palmer	Equerry

TOTAL 10

* Microphones

MOUNTBATTEN PRAYER

In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we hallow and dedicate this Statue as a memorial to
Louis, Earl Mountbatten of Burma. Accept, we beseech
thee, this memorial of thy servant, Louis, who by thy
grace rendered unto thee true and laudable service;
and grant that it may encourage those who come after
to honour thee, their Sovereign and Country in like
manner to the benefit of thy Church and people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

FAIR GALLOP
BRIGHTON ROAD
SWAY
HAMPSHIRE SO4 0EA
LYMINGTON 682322

c.f.

R19

8.8.83

Dear Mr. Fletcher,

I thank you very
much for your letter of the
4th August.

I have noted Wednesday
2nd November in my diary and
have every intention of being
present at the unveiling ceremony.

Yours sincerely
Dennis Bole

24 DUCHESS OF
BEDFORD HOUSE
LONDON W8 7QN
TEL. 01-937 3125

lg
Aug. 8th

Dear Mr Flesler.

I am writing on my
husband's behalf to thank you
for your letter about the
arrangements for the unveiling
ceremony for the Earl Mountbatten
of Burma statue on November 2nd

He will be delighted to
accept the Prime Minister's
invitation & hopes to be able to
attend the reception in the

MR. GEORGE W. BROWN
1500 CH. HOUSE
LONDON W. 10 W
MR. GEORGE W. BROWN

Banqueting House after the ceremony.

As my husband is disabled & confined to a wheelchair there may be a problem of access. Perhaps earlier the time you would very kindly let him know if it is possible to get into the Banqueting House without more than one or two steps. I shall have to accompany him to the ceremony as he can't manage the chair by himself.
Yr sincerely
Reggie Threlkell

THE RT. HON. DAVID STEEL, M.P.



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

5th August 1983.

Dear Mr. Flesher,

Mr. Steel has asked me to thank you for your letter of 4th August about the Earl Mountbatten statue unveiling on Wednesday 2nd November at 11am.

He is very glad to be able to accept for the ceremony itself, but I am afraid he already has a lunch that day, so will not be able to stay for the Banqueting House reception.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'T. Horton'.

Miss T. Horton.
Private Secretary.

Timothy Flesher, Esq.,
The Private Secretary,
10 Downing St.,
London SW1.

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Royal Family : Mountbatten Memorial
R-2.

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON

COMMUNICATIONS



Similar letters to:

The Lord Zuckerman
 The Rt. Hon. Michael Foot
 Sir Dermot Boyle
 Sir Caspar John
 The Rt. Hon. David Steel
 The Lord Trevelyan

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

4 August, 1983

You may by now have heard that Her Majesty The Queen has agreed that the unveiling ceremony for the Earl Mountbatten of Burma Statue should take place on Wednesday, 2 November. As one of the co-sponsors of the Statue Appeal, the Prime Minister thought that she should let you know the broad outline of the arrangements, which have been approved by Her Majesty.

The ceremony will take place on the Foreign Office Green starting at about 11 o'clock. The Prime Minister will open with a short address. The Queen will then speak and unveil the statue. This will be followed by a presentation to Countess Mountbatten of Burma by a veteran of HMS Kelly, and then by a short speech by Countess Mountbatten and a prayer by the Bishop of London. After the ceremony the Prime Minister and other members of the Government will host a reception in the Banqueting House which she hopes that you and the other sponsors will be able to attend as well as representatives of those who contributed to the Appeal and some overseas visitors.

A formal invitation will be sent nearer the time, together with further details of the ceremony. The Prime Minister very much hopes you will be able to come and she looks forward to seeing you on the day.

TIMOTHY FLESHER

Field Marshal The Lord Harding of Petherton, GCB, CBE, DSO, MC



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

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The ceremony will take place on the Foreign Office Green starting at about 11 o'clock. *I have to over with* I will ~~first~~ deliver a short address. The Queen will then speak for ~~a few minutes~~, and ~~will afterwards~~ unveil the statue. This will be followed by a presentation to Countess Mountbatten of Burma by a veteran of HMS Kelly, and then by a short speech by Countess Mountbatten and a prayer by the Bishop of London. After the ceremony I and other members of the Government will host a reception in the Banqueting House *I hope that* to which you and the other sponsors will be *able* ~~invited~~ *to attend* as well as representatives of those who contributed to the Appeal and some overseas visitors.

~~Naturally you will be sent~~ *will be sent* a formal invitation *(nearer the* time, together with further details of the ceremony. I very much hope you will be able to *come* ~~attend~~ and I look forward to seeing you on the day.

Field Marshal The Lord Harding of Petherton, GCB, CBE, DSO, MC.



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Michael.

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I know that by November, you will have stood down for the time, together with further details of the ceremony. I very much hope you will be able to attend and I look forward to seeing you on the day.

leadership of the Labour Party,
but as a cosponsor of the
Appeal

The Rt. Hon. Michael Foot, M.P.



10 DOWNING STREET

~~Tim~~ ~~Sue~~ ^{sq}
Is fine
all right with
the Palace

Attached is the
draft invitation
for the Unveiling
Ceremony on
2 Nov. Is this
OK?

Sue

Palace have cleared so
Miss Thomas will go ahead
with printing of the
card
Sue 1/8/83



Would you
sign 18
MS

10 DOWNING STREET

(3)

Prime Minister

Sir Philip Moore telephoned today to tell me the arrangements approved by the Queen, which I have reflected in this (and the other) letters. The Queen is entirely content that you - as host - should speak first; and that She, and you, with Countess Mountbatten should hereafter go forward to unveil the statue. She hopes that all the speeches will be short! The presentation will

be of a book of signatures of those
who have given towards the
statue.

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M E M O R A N D U M

From: Chief Officer O V Thomas
OBE WRNS
Mountbatten Statue Appeal
Room 8288
Main Building Ext: 6043

To 29 July 1983
Miss Susan Goodchild
No 10 Downing Street
.....

Very many thanks for your help in clearing
the attached invitation.

Valerie Thomas

DRAFT INVITATION

The Prime Minister and Her Majesty's Government

request the honour of the Company of

at the Unveiling

of the Memorial Statue

to

Admiral of The Fleet The Earl Mountbatten of Burma

KG, PC, GCB, OM, GSCI, GCIE, GCVO, DSO

by

Her Majesty The Queen

on The Foreign Office Green, Horse Guards Parade

at 11 am on Wednesday 2nd November 1983

(followed by a Reception at The Banqueting House Whitehall)

RSVP by 25 Sep 83
Ministry of Defence PS12(Army)
Room 337 Lansdowne House
Berkeley Square
London W1

If you accept this invitation the appropriate tickets will be sent to you. You will be asked to be seated by 10⁵⁰ am.



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
MAIN BUILDING WHITEHALL LONDON SW1A 2HB
Telephone 01-~~836 2000~~ 218 2111/3

MO 27/5/1/1

13th July 1983

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PMS signature

Dear John,

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE

Now that the Palace has announced the date and outline form of the unveiling ceremony for the Earl Mountbatten of Burma Statue, we felt that it would be courteous if the Prime Minister, as one of the sponsors of the Statue Appeal, were to write to the other sponsors informing them of the details and confirming that they will be invited to attend the ceremony and the reception.

/ I attach a draft of a letter which the Prime Minister might send to her co-sponsors together with a list of their names and addresses.

Yours ever,

(J E RIDLEY) (MISS)

A J Coles Esq

DRAFT LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER TO CO-SPONSORS

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Naturally you will be sent a formal invitation nearer the time, together with further details of the ceremony. I very much hope you will be able to attend and I look forward to seeing you on the day.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF SPONSORS

The Rt Hon Michael Foot MP, House of Commons, London SW1

The Rt Hon David Steel MP, House of Commons, London SW1

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Caspar John GCB, Trethewey, Mousehole,
Penzance, Cornwall TR19 6QQ

Field Marshal The Lord Harding of Petherton GCB CBE DSO MC,
The Barton, Nether Compton, Sherborne, Dorset

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle, GCB KCVO KBE AFC
Fair Gallop, Brighton Road, Sway, Hants

The Lord Trevelyan KG GCMG CIE OBE, 24 Duchess of Bedford House, W8

The Lord Zuckerman OM KCB FRS, University of East Anglia, Norwich,
NR4 7TJ

MFJ

14 June 1983

Thank you for your letter of 13 June about the arrangements for the unveiling of the Mountbatten statue. The Prime Minister has agreed to the arrangements proposed in your letter and no doubt you will be in touch nearer the time about the details.

TIM FLESHER

Miss J.E. Ridley
Ministry of Defence

VC



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
MAIN BUILDING WHITEHALL LONDON SW1A 2HB
Telephone 01-~~930XXXX~~ 218 2111/3

MO 27/5/1/1

13th June 1983

Dear John,

Prime Minister:

Agree to
these arrangements?

Yes m J

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE

In March my Secretary of State undertook to consult the Prime Minister about the arrangements for the unveiling ceremony. We now understand that HM The Queen would give her approval to a programme along the following lines: ^{13/6}

Unveiling Ceremony on Foreign Office Green

Speech by the Prime Minister (5 minutes)
Speech by Countess Mountbatten of Burma (5 minutes)
Prayer by the Bishop of London
Unveiling by The Queen

Reception

To be given by the Prime Minister and the Government either at Lancaster House or in the Banqueting Hall. Representatives of those who contributed would be invited to attend; this will include a number of overseas visitors.

Followed by Lunch

To be given by The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace for the Royal Family, the Mountbatten family, the Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, the Chiefs of Staff, Mr Belsky (the sculptor) and possibly one or two distinguished people from overseas and others closely associated with Lord Mountbatten.

A J Coles Esq



The morning of 2nd November can be regarded as a firm date for the unveiling, though this should remain in confidence until the Press release is made by Buckingham Palace. We estimate that the ceremony will start at 11 a.m.

My Secretary of State is content with these arrangements. I should be grateful for confirmation that the Prime Minister is also.

Yours ever,

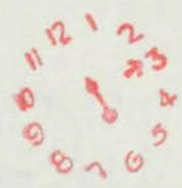
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(J E RIDLEY) (MISS)

Royal Family,
Mountbatten,
Pt 2



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11th May 1983

See below

DR 13/5

Thank you for your letter of 30th March about the Mountbatten Statue.

I note that you are content for the balance of the cost of the infrastructure to be found from MOD funds; appropriate arrangements are being made. As you say I shall continue to do all I can to keep costs down to the practicable minimum.

On the question of commuted maintenance costs, you will by now have seen Tom King's letter to you of 3rd May. I agree that there should be a way of avoiding a book-keeping transaction, and that we can leave it to our officials to sort out.

I have copied this to the Prime Minister, to Tom King and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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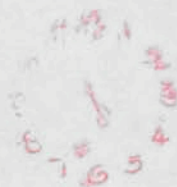
Michael Heseltine

The Rt Hon Leon Brittan MP

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Royal Family: Mountbatten
Pt 2

13 MAY 1983





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My ref: K/PSO/11967/83

Your ref:

-3 MAY 83

Dear Leon,

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MOUNTBATTEN STATUE

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 30 March to Michael Heseltine about the Mountbatten Statue.

I am sure that between us we can find a way of avoiding the book-keeping transaction which the contribution of £5,000 towards commuted maintenance costs would involve. I am satisfied that this would not prejudice the principle, which is firmly established and followed in practice. The defence of it in this particular case is ample evidence of this fact. I suggest that Michael and I leave it to our various officials to work out in detail with yours how this can be satisfactorily brought about.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Prime Minister, to Michael Heseltine and Sir Robert Armstrong.

TOM KING

Royal Family,
Mountbatten Memorial,
A72

4 MAY 1983



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Royal
Family

22 April 1983

THE MOUNTBATTEN STATUE

Thank you for your letter of 20 April.

I am afraid the Prime Minister will not be able to fit in a visit to view the full scale model of the statue before Mr. Belsky begins casting.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

Miss Wendy Anderton,
Ministry of Defence.



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20th April 1983

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Prime Minister

*US! The cutters least
next week. I haven't
got a spare mount.
In any event you are
wasting it.*

Dear Caroline,

THE MOUNTBATTEN STATUE

*C.
21/4*

I understand that next week will be the last opportunity to view the full scale model of the statue before the sculptor, Mr Belsky begins casting.

As the original sponsor of the fund, the Prime Minister might possibly like the opportunity to view the model. If so, a visit could take place at any time between Tuesday 26th and Friday 29th April at Mr Belsky's studio, at 12 Pembroke Studios, Pembroke Gardens, London W8.

I should be grateful if you could let me know when and if the Prime Minister would wish to view the statue and the Department can then set the necessary arrangements in hand.

yours ever

W Anderton
(W ANDERTON) (MISS)

Miss C M Stephens

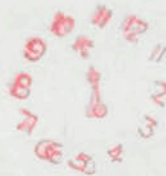
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18th April 1983

Tin.
we must negotiate
a date soon - the
drawing is getting v. full.

Dear Caroline,

Arrangements are going ahead for the detailed planning of the Mountbatten Statue Ceremony.

I understand the Prime Minister has offered to host a luncheon at No 10 which would be preceded by a reception. As it would be administratively more convenient to co-locate the two events at Lancaster House, I should be grateful if you would seek the Prime Minister's agreement to these new plans.

Yours ever

W Anderton
(W ANDERTON) (MISS)

Ms C M Stephens

Royal Family,
Mountbatten Memorial,
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11/8 April 1964



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Dr

Treasury Chambers, Parliament Street, SW1P 3AG

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Rt Hon Michael Heseltine MP
Secretary of State
Ministry of Defence
Main Building
Whitehall
London SW1A 2HB

30 March 1983

D. Michael,

Thank you for your letter of 9 March to Geoffrey Howe about the Mountbatten Statue. We are both pleased to learn that this is going ahead so well.

From the breakdown of costs I have been given, the infrastructure now looks surprisingly expensive in relation to the statue itself. I note that on the advice of the sculptor and of the Royal Fine Arts Commission you have felt obliged to rule out the cheaper alternatives so far considered; but I am sure you will continue to do all you can to keep the cost down to the practicable minimum. On that understanding I am content that MOD funds should make up the balance within the amount indicated by the current estimated cost of the project.

I believe that your figures include a payment of £5,000 to DOE which was earlier agreed by the Treasury as a contribution towards commuted maintenance costs. If you and Tom King can see a way of avoiding the bookkeeping transaction which this would involve without prejudicing the principle of commuted maintenance, I would raise no objection.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Prime Minister, to Tom King and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Leon
Brittan

LEON BRITTAN

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Royal Family: Mountbatten
Memorial Pt 2

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C. W. Stephens

16 March 1983

MOUNTBATTEN MEMORIAL

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's minute of 11 March.

She has noted that he has sought authority from the Treasury to make up from public funds the costs of this memorial not met from the Appeal.

The Prime Minister has agreed in principle to preside at the unveiling ceremony, at which she will make a speech, and to host a lunch afterwards at Downing Street. She notes that your Secretary of State will put to her more detailed suggestions on the programme nearer the time.

WR

Miss Jane Ridley,
Ministry of Defence.

IN CONFIDENCE

PRIME MINISTER

MOUNTBATTEN MEMORIAL

The attached minute from Mr. Heseltine reports that he is having to ask the Treasury to put up some £25,000 towards the £125,000 cost of this Memorial. He also asks if you would be willing to preside over the ceremony at which The Queen will unveil the statue, and also if you will host a lunch for the most important of the guests afterwards.

Briefly, the unveiling ceremony would involve your making a speech in tribute to Lord Mountbatten and then inviting The Queen to perform the unveiling. *

* You would then walk back with the Royal Party from the Foreign Office Green (on which the statue will be erected) to host a lunch for about 40 or 50 people in Downing Street. The rest of the guests would go on to have a buffet lunch in the Banqueting House in Whitehall.

At present the plan is to hold the ceremony in late October or early November. Would you like to take this on, in principle?

WM

Yes mt

* ~ * Passage deleted and closed, 40 years, under FOI Exemption.

14 March 1983

Wayland
19 July 2013



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PRIME MINISTERMOUNTBATTEN STATUE

You will recall launching an appeal, by a letter to the Times in July 1981, to fund the erection of a statue on the Foreign Office Green to commemorate Earl Mountbatten of Burma. At your request Francis Pym, and in due course John Nott, undertook the supervision of the statue project, and your office has been kept in touch as various important stages have been reached.

2. We are now well down the road towards completion, and the time has come to bring two issues to your attention which need to be resolved: a shortfall in funding and arrangements for the unveiling ceremony.

3. Our problems with funding were touched on in my Private Secretary's letter of 26th November 1982. As Environment Secretary I was able to prevail upon the Treasury to grant a measure of relief by agreeing that only a token sum should be paid for maintenance; but for various reasons we still face a shortfall in the region of £22-27,000 over and above the £100,000 that we shall have available from the Appeal. As you will have seen I have written to the Chancellor with a more detailed description of the background and a recommendation that the deficit should now be made up from public funds as provided for in your original directive to Francis Pym in September 1980.



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5. The detailed planning of the ceremony and the guest-list is about to get underway here, and I shall be keeping an eye on the developing picture. However, we need to decide both who will preside at the unveiling ceremony * ~~~~~~~~~ * and who will act as host at the luncheon. I would myself strongly advise that you should do both yourself. If you agree, I will put to you the broad outline of what we have in mind as soon as the way ahead is a little clearer.

W. S. B.

Ministry of Defence

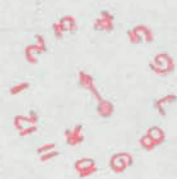
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Exemption. C. Wayland
19 July 2013*

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE PROJECT: PROGRESS AND PROSPECTS AS AT MARCH 1983

- (a) The Appeal has achieved its target of £100,000; with interest about £110,000 will be available for the statue project. But because of unforeseen problems with the infrastructure this will not be enough.
- (b) A sculptor (Mr. Franta Belsky) has been selected from a limited competition of six and commissioned to produce a Statue at a cost of £35,000. The outcome of the competition was announced last December. The statue will be $1\frac{1}{2}$ times life-size.
- (c) The statue design has been endorsed by the Royal Fine Art Commission (RFAC) and Mr. Belsky is well advanced with work on the full-scale figure. The Mountbatten family and the Royal Family are taking a close personal interest in its progress.
- (d) The infrastructure design has been a source of some problems, both aesthetic - necessitating three successive approaches to the RFAC - and financial. ('Infrastructure' is used to denote the supporting structure required to raise the statue and its plinth and prevent them from being lost against their background). The preferred design, which has RFAC approval, is a shallow stepped pyramid of stone.
- (e) Clearances of the whole design (statue and infrastructure) will need to be obtained from the City of Westminster planning authority and the Secretary of State for the Environment before the work of construction can proceed. Both have been kept closely in touch with developments so far.

14 MAR 1983





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9th March 1983

De Bussy

I wrote to you from the Department of Environment about proposed maintenance charges for the Mountbatten Statue.

I have now taken stock here of the overall progress. Work on the statue is well in hand. *Passage deleted and closed, 40 years, under FOI Exemption. O'Wayland, 19 July 2013*

Decisions must therefore be taken quickly on the base and infrastructure if the site is to be ready in time.

Much progress has been made. A plan has been prepared which is acceptable to the family, the Royal Fine Art Commission, the DOE (from the point of view of simplicity of maintenance), the sculptor and the Trustees. MacAlpines are prepared to carry it out at cost price. But even with that generous help the scheme will cost some £22,000-£27,000 more than the resources of the Fund. The latter is an absolute maximum over which MacAlpines will bear any excess, but it is more likely that they can hold the costs to the lower figure.

An alternative cheaper plan, involving a grass mound rather than a stepped stone pyramid, has been considered but has been ruled out on aesthetic grounds by the Royal Fine Art Commission. I have no doubt that we must finish the job properly and the Prime Minister said



in her original minute on the subject of 22nd September 1980 that "the Government should take steps to ensure that any shortfall is met".

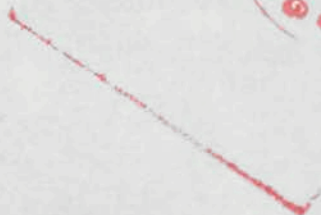
I therefore would like your early authority to make up from public funds the balance needed to meet the costs. The Trustees (and I am becoming one) will ensure that this is kept to a minimum. MacAlpines need to be given a firm go-ahead by Easter. Such an arrangement would mean that the Appeal would have continued about £110,000 and public funds £22,000-£27,000. I would regard these proportions as defensible. Half of the public funds will return in VAT!

I am sending copies of this to the Prime Minister, to Tom King and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours aw

Michael Heseltine

4 MAR 1983



Royal Family
cc mol

21 September 1982

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 15 September about the Mountbatten Statue Competition. She is glad that you had the opportunity to present your submission to the Committee. I have let the Committee know of your continuing availability.

(TIMOTHY FLESHER)

John Doubleday, Esq.



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26th November 1982

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Dear Tim,

EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA STATUE

Earlier this year Sir Arthur Hockaday wrote to you explaining the background to the choice of Mr Franta Belsky as the sculptor of the Mountbatten statue. In view of the Prime Minister's interest, as the principal sponsor of the project, I thought I should let you know that we are arranging for a public announcement to be made next Wednesday morning about the sculptor and the statue design. Lord Lewin will make the announcement as the Chairman of the panel of Assessors which chose the winning entry, and Lady Mountbatten and Mr Belsky will be present.

I should mention - since this is a departure from what was envisaged when we were last in contact with you - that this announcement is going ahead before the final details of the funding and design of the statue's infrastructure have been settled. The problem is briefly as follows. The landscaping required to create a proper setting for a statue on the Foreign Office Green has turned out to be more extensive - and hence also expensive - than originally allowed for; and the size of the commuted sum required to provide for maintenance of statue and site in perpetuity has also been unexpectedly large. As a result the £100,000 aimed at and achieved by the Appeal is not enough. When Sir Arthur last wrote it was confidently expected that a further substantial sum would be forthcoming from the premiere of the film Gandhi on 2nd December but it is now most unlikely that any money from this event will be donated to the Appeal.

We are confident that ways can be found to pursue the project to a successful conclusion. For example we are in touch with the Treasury and Customs and Excise in the hope that they might grant a measure of relief from VAT and a waiver of part or all of the commuted maintenance sum which DOE require under normal financial rules. There may also be ways of scaling down the infrastructure design, if need be, once we know how much money will be available for it.

T Flesher Esq



None of this affects the statue itself and an announcement about the winning design is now somewhat overdue. Since public attention will naturally focus on the statue - not its setting - we consider that the press announcement can safely go ahead.

Yours ever

Jane Ridely

(J E RIDELY)(MISS)

John Doubleday

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15th September, 1982.

The Prime Minister's Office,
10 Downing Street,
London.

Dear Prime Minister,

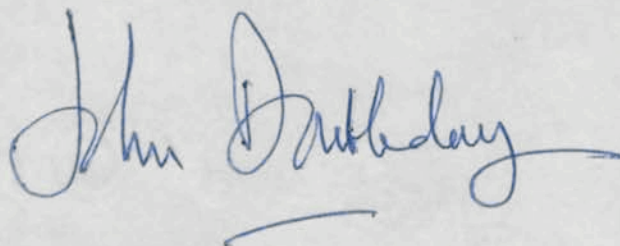
With reference to my letter of the 15th October, 1981, I am pleased to be able to tell you that through your good offices, I have been in touch with the Earl Mountbatten of Burma Statue Committee and had much pleasure in presenting my submission for the Competition.

Although I was disappointed not to have been awarded the commission, I am none-the-less grateful to have had the opportunity of submitting my proposals. I accept without question the decision of the Committee, and I am sure that whoever has been selected will bring to the job a high level of professionalism, if not the personal commitment which was based upon my having known him through previous portrait commissions of him which I had undertaken.

Finally I would just like to add that if as a result of any unforeseen circumstances the commission is not carried out as envisaged, I would certainly like to place on record my availability for further consideration.

Once again, may I thank you for the personal interest you have shown in the project.

Yours sincerely,



Royal Family

Lord Mountbatten

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7th September 1982

Dear Michael

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE

Thank you very much for your letter of 3rd September. TPT

I understand that Mr Belsky has now produced a revised and more modest proposal for the base and setting of the statue, and that this will be considered by the assessors and by the Royal Fine Art Commission during the course of this week. It may therefore be possible to seek your formal assent under the Public Statues Act quite soon. Nevertheless the additional flexibility inherent in the procedure to which you have agreed, namely that the trustees may if necessary authorise Mr Belsky to start work on the statue itself while at the same time your powers under the Act are reserved pending revised proposals for the layout, is most helpful; and I write to confirm my own agreement also. It is understood that any risk of abortive expenditure would fall on the appeal fund and not on either of our Departments.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister.

Yours ever
John

John Nott

The Rt Hon Michael Heseltine MP



Prime Minister

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LONDON SW1P 3EB

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My ref:

Your ref:

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MOUNTBATTEN STATUE

I understand that a problem has arisen over the design by Mr Franta Belski for the statue of Lord Mountbatten which it has been agreed should be erected on Foreign Office Green.

The difficulty I am told centres around the base for the statue which is a raised area of steps in the shape of a compass rose with water running from fountains at each of the corners. This would substantially increase the construction cost, while the commuted sum which my Department would have to seek for maintenance in perpetuity would be of the order of £1m. Moreover the Royal Fine Art Commission, although content with the statue itself, have raised a number of other practical and aesthetic considerations in relation to this setting. As a result Mr Belski is now reviewing his proposals with professional assistance with a view to proposing a simpler concept involving a grass mound with steps at the corners and without any water.

I can well understand that your Department would not wish to hold up starting of work on the statue itself while this is going on, especially as I believe it will take him at least a year to sculpt and you are aiming for an unveiling ceremony in the Autumn of next year. The assessors approve of this procedure and you would wish to know that I am content with it as well.

I am quite content with the proposal for the statue itself as it stands so far but I am not in a position, as you will appreciate, to give my formal assent under the Public Statues Act until I know how it is to be mounted. Nor can I incidentally give such formal assent until the commuted maintenance sum has been agreed and approved by the Treasury. I understand that the Royal Fine Art Commission are happy for work to proceed on the statue itself meanwhile and that your Steering Group accept that any risk of abortive expenditure would fall on the appeal fund and not on either of our Departments.

In these circumstances I have no objection to the trustees authorising Mr Belski to start work on the statue, whilst at the same time reserving my powers under the Public Statues Act when revised proposals for the layout are put forward.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Prime Minister. If I have received no objections by Friday 17 September I shall assume that this procedure is agreed between all concerned.

Yours ever
MHE

MICHAEL HESELTINE

Loyal family

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Dear Prime Minister

I have been laid up for the
past four weeks with a severe attack of
bronchitis and unable to deal with correspondence
or I would have written before to thank you
very much for so kindly sending me a
photograph of the winning entry of the
Mountbatten statue competition.

I note that a number of
modifications remain to be made but my
general impression of the design seems to me
that it is highly admirable.

Yours sincerely

(FIELD MARSHALL LORD H. of Peterborough) John Harding

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THE SHOOTING BOX,
BURNHAM THORPE,
KING'S LYNN,
NORFOLK.
BURNHAM MARKET 359

2.8.82

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Dear Prince Timistie

I am delighted to hear
that the Marlborough statue
is proceeding so well. The
photograph of the maquette
is most attractive.

I do hope you manage
some rest on your holiday.
By — you deserve it!

Yours ever,
S.M.

FAIR GALLOP
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HAMPSHIRE SO4 0EA
LYMINGTON 682322

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Dear Prime Minister,

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Thank you for
sending me a photograph of the
design by Franta Belky for the
Mountbatten memorial statue.

As far as it is possible
to judge from a photograph I like
it and the stance is very appropriate
to the subject

Yours sincerely,

Desmond Bole

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Dear Prime Minister -

Your Letter of 21st, July... It was kind of you to include a photograph of the winning entry for the MOUNTBATTEN STATUE. It is encouraging that a SELECTION COMMITTEE can reach agreement, and I hope that the further authorities you mention may be equally helpful.

Thank you...

Yours sincerely
Caspar John

24 DUCHESS OF
BEDFORD HOUSE
LONDON W8 7QN
TEL. 01-937 3125

C/K

July 24th

R 27/7

Dear Prime Minister

My husband has asked
me to write on his behalf to
thank you for your letter
about the decision of the
Selection Committee of the
Mountbatten Memorial Appeal.
He finds writing rather difficult
these days II. ahead.

It is hard to judge from
a photograph but I am sure
Mr. Belsky will produce

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a very good & worthy
memorial A Earl Mountbatten.

Yr Sincerely

Peggie Trenyan.



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

PT 23/7

From:
Michael Foot MP

22 July 1982

Dear Willie,

Mr. Michael Foot has asked me to thank the Prime Minister for sending him a photograph of the winning entry for the statue of Earl Mountbatten of Burma and for keeping him informed.

*Yours,
Tom*

Tom McCaffrey

William Rickett, Esq.,
Private Secretary,
10 Downing Street,
SW1.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

21 July 1982

Dear Michael

My Private Secretary wrote to you on 24 December to report on the progress of the Mountbatten Memorial Appeal. You may like to be aware that the Selection Committee has now reached its decision on the winning entry for the statue competition in favour of the design submitted by Mr. Franta Belsky, a photograph of which I enclose. A number of modifications remain to be made and the design remains to be submitted to the Fine Art Commission, the Local Authority and the Secretary of State for the Environment but I am sure we are now well on the way to the erection of the statue as a permanent memorial to Earl Mountbatten.

Yours sincerely

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The Rt. Hon. Michael Foot, M.P.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

21 July 1982

Dear Mr. Steel,

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Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

The Rt. Hon. David Steel, M.P.

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Yours sincerely

Raymond Storer

Field Marshal The Lord Harding of Petherton, G.C.B., C.B.E.,
D.S.O., M.C.

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21 July 1982

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Yours sincerely

Raymond Storer

The Lord Trevelyan, K.G., G.C.M.G., C.I.E., O.B.E.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

21 July 1982

Dear Lord Zuckerman.

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Yours sincerely

Raymond Whittam

The Lord Zuckerman, O.M., K.C.B., F.R.S.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

21 July 1982

Dear Sir Dermot,

My Private Secretary wrote to you on 24 December to report on the progress of the Mountbatten Memorial Appeal. You may like to be aware that the Selection Committee has now reached its decision on the winning entry for the statue competition in favour of the design submitted by Mr. Franta Belsky, a photograph of which I enclose. A number of modifications remain to be made and the design remains to be submitted to the Fine Art Commission, the Local Authority and the Secretary of State for the Environment but I am sure we are now well on the way to the erection of the statue as a permanent memorial to Earl Mountbatten.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir Dermot Boyle, G.C.B., K.C.V.O.,
K.B.E., A.F.C.

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21 July 1982

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Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Caspar John, G.C.B.

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PRIME MINISTER

Mountbatten Statue Competition

You will recall that the MOD let us know last month about the current state of play in the Mountbatten Statue Competition. We have now heard that the Committee has selected the winning entry in the competition and I attach photographs of the winning entry by Franta Belsky. A number of modifications have been made including, for example, the removal of the hat held at the back and a toning down of the surroundings. If you agree I will now write in confidence to your co-sponsors letting them know the outcome and enclosing a representative photograph.

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19 July 2013

24 June 1982

From: Sir Arthur Hockaday KCB CMG
Second Permanent Under Secretary of State

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14 June 1982

W F S Rickett Esq
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister

Dear Rickett

EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA STATUE COMPETITION

You had an interim report on the progress of the Statue Competition last month in the form of my Private Secretary's letter of 21 May. I am now writing to let you know the outcome.

2. As you will see from the attached note the design submitted by Mr. Franta Belsky (entry No. 5) has been selected by the majority vote of the Assessors. Arrangements are now in hand to discuss with Mr. Belsky modifications identified as desirable by the Assessors, and in particular by Lady Mountbatten and Lady Pamela Hicks.

3. It will not be possible for a public announcement to be made before the design has been finalised and the relevant submissions (paragraph 4 of the letter of 21 May) have been completed; the first submission - to the Royal Fine Art Commission who may perhaps be particularly concerned with the scale of Mr. Belsky's surroundings - is planned for early next month. However, the Prime Minister may wish to write now in confidence to her fellow sponsors to tell them of the outcome of the judging.

Yours sincerely

Arthur Hockaday

Earl Mountbatten of Burma Statue Competition

Note of a meeting of Assessors held on 8 June 1982
at 4.30 p.m. in the Marble Hall, Northumberland House

1. The following were present:

- AF Sir Terence Lewin - Chairman
- The Countess Mountbatten of Burma
- The Lady Pamela Hicks
- Mr. David Piper
- Sir Arthur Hockaday
- Lt. Col. John Lucken
- Mr. Norman Abbot - Secretary

Sir Hugh Casson, Mr. Alan Bowness and Mr. John Kaye were unable to attend.

2. The purpose of the meeting was to allow Lady Pamela, who had not been able to be present on the previous occasion, to express a preference for one of the maquettes; to arrive at a final decision now that the views of all the Assessors were known; and to identify the steps which needed to be taken next.

3. Lady Pamela's vote was cast for No. 5, which was therefore confirmed as the entry which enjoyed the majority support of the Assessors. The Chairman noted that since the last meeting HRH The Prince of Wales had viewed the maquettes, and sets of photographs had been sent to H M The Queen, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, the Prime Minister and Mr. Henry Moore. There had been no reaction from any of these quarters which need cause the Assessors to modify their majority preference for No. 5. No. 5 was accordingly endorsed as the selected entry.

4. The following further steps were identified as desirable:-

- (a) The Chairman would write to Mr. Franta Belsky to tell him that his entry had been selected by the Assessors, subject only to some modifications they would like to see incorporated; and Sir Arthur Hockaday would arrange a meeting with Mr. Belsky, Lady Mountbatten and Lady Pamela to discuss the modifications required. [Subsequent note - this meeting has been arranged for 5 July, and Mr. Belsky, who has expressed himself very willing to consider modifications, will have a preliminary discussion with Sir Arthur Hockaday and Mr. Kaye on 10 June.]
- (b) A letter would be sent to the Property Services Agency (PSA) asking their advice on the feasibility, with particular reference to its maintenance, of Mr. Belsky's suggested design for the statue's setting. (Assessors were divided on the merits of the proposed cascades, though it was generally agreed that water in some form was a good idea.) The PSA's comments would be relevant to the meeting with Mr. Belsky ((a) above), and could be submitted with the design when reference was made to the Royal Fine Art Commission (RFAC).

- (c) A letter would be sent to No. 10 Downing Street. It would say that the verdict of the Assessors had been given in favour of entry No. 5, that consultations with the sculptor were in hand with a view to finalising the design, and that a submission to the RFAC was planned. The Prime Minister would be invited to inform the co-sponsors.
- (d) A letter would be sent to Lord Romsey offering the maquettes, or as many of them as were wanted, to the Broadlands Museum.
- (e) Some thought would be given to means of distinguishing, in the book of donors to the Appeal, between individual donors and corporate bodies such as Associations. (For example, the latter might have a page each to themselves.) Once the book was in place at Broadlands it was suggested that the pages might be turned regularly.

9 June 1982

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From: N J S Abbot, Private Secretary to
Sir Arthur Hockaday KCB CMG, Second Permanent Under Secretary
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21 May 1982

W F S Rickett Esq
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister

Dear Rickett,

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE COMPETITION

When Sir Arthur spoke to you recently about the current state of play on the Mountbatten Statue Competition he agreed to let you have, as soon as they became available, a set of photographs of the entries received. These photographs are now enclosed.

2. There are six entries in all, by the following sculptors:

Mr. John Wragg	(No. 1)
Mr. John Doubleday	(No. 2)
Mr. Ivor Roberts-Jones	(No. 3)
Mr. David Wynne	(No. 4)
Mr. Franta Belsky	(No. 5)
Mr. Oscar Nemon	(No. 6)

Dame Elisabeth Frink has had to withdraw from the Competition because of ill-health.

3. At a meeting of the Selection Committee on 17 May the maquettes submitted by Mr. Franta Belsky and Mr. Ivor Roberts-Jones emerged as the clear favourites, with the former somewhat ahead of the latter. The enclosed note of the meeting contains more details.

4. A final decision is expected to be taken on 8 June when another meeting will be held for the benefit of Assessors unable to attend the first. Some time is then likely to elapse, during which submissions will be made to the Royal Fine Art Commission, the Local Authority and the Secretary of State for the Environment, before an announcement can be made.

5. By way of an update on the information contained in Sir Arthur's note sent to you on 22 December you may be interested to know that the fund now stands at £90,000 including interest as a result of donations received from 3820 donors, and that the Prince and Princess of Wales have agreed to attend the première of the film Gandhi on 2 December.

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Photographs of the two leading candidates for the statue are attached.

I have photos of the others if you wish to see them. The fund now stands at £90,000.

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Yours sincerely,
Norman Abbot



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Earl Mountbatten of Burma Statue Competition

Note of a meeting of Assessors held on 17 May 1982
at 3.30 p.m. in the Marble Hall, Northumberland House

1. The following were present:

AF Sir Terence Lewin	- Chairman
The Countess Mountbatten of Burma	
Mr. Alan Bowness	
Mr. David Piper	
Mr. John Kaye	
Sir Arthur Hockaday	
Lt. Col. John Lucken	
Mr. Norman Abbot	- Secretary

Two Assessors were unable to attend - Lady Pamela Hicks and Sir Hugh Casson.

2. After a brief introduction from the Chairman a dozen colour slides (2 of each entry) were shown. (The actual maquettes were also on display close at hand.) The Chairman then invited each Assessor in turn to declare a preference.

3. The results, which took account of a proxy vote cast on behalf of Sir Hugh Casson, were

4 votes in favour of No. 5
2 votes in favour of No. 3

with second choices distributed between Nos. 3, 5 and 6. (The Chairman abstained from stating a preference at this stage.)

4. Discussion then ensued, in the course of which the Chairman revealed the identity of the sculptors. Points made about the two principal contenders were as follows:

(a) No. 5. Generally agreed to have achieved the best facial likeness (the life-size head even more than the maquette) and therefore strongly preferred by Lady Mountbatten. Some uneasiness, however, about the stance and the relationship of the figure to the plinth; and a unanimous feeling (reportedly not shared by Sir Hugh Casson) that the cap held behind the back was not a good idea. Opinions quite sharply divided on the merits of the proposed infrastructure involving cascades.

(b) No. 3. The stance generally admired; the head considered by some Assessors to be quite a good likeness, but by others to be too old and insufficiently vigorous.

5. Observations on the other maquettes were as follows:

(a) Nos. 1 and 2. No one had a good word to say for either of these.

(b) No. 4. Some Assessors quite liked this, but it was agreed that the head bore no resemblance to the subject.

- (c) No. 6. There was some criticism of the bowed head. (Mr. Bowness explained this in relation to the fact that the full-size statue on its plinth would be viewed from below).

6. There was further discussion of a number of other topics:

- (a) Modifying the selected maquette. It was felt that details of the selected entry could probably be modified with the sculptor's agreement to reflect the wishes of Assessors.
- (b) Submission to the Royal Fine Art Commission (RFAC). It was agreed that the selected maquette could be submitted to the RFAC before any final modifications had been incorporated. It would not be possible, however, to submit in time for the 8 June meeting (cf (e) below). Mr. Piper expected the Commission to have definite ideas on the setting of the statue.
- (c) Publicity. It was agreed that only the winner would be announced, and that the announcement should wait until the necessary consultations had been completed and the sculptor had crystallised his design and taken account of any suggested modifications. There would probably be a press-release and the offer of a photographic facility. The sculptor might be asked whether he wished to be present.
- (d) Eventual fate of the maquettes. It was agreed that the maquettes, which under the terms of the Competition Conditions are the property of the Trustees of the Statue Appeal, might be given in due course to the Broadlands Museum.
- (e) Second meeting of Assessors. There would be another meeting, at which Lady Pamela Hicks would be present together with other Assessors who could attend, on 8 June.

19 May 1982



Entry no. 1

John Wragg (1)

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ROOM 69, FOURTH FLOOR,
KING CHARLES STREET LONDON SW1

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Entry no. 2

John Doubleday (2)

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Entry no. 3

Ivor Roberts - Jones (1)

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Entry no. 4

David Wynne (2)

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FRANCA BELSKY



Entry no. 5

Franka Belshy (2)

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Entry no. 6

Oscar Newman (1)

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

8 February 1982

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 1 February, and for your very generous donations to the Mountbatten Memorial Fund. She has also asked me to thank the Bahamas National Equestrian Federation for their donation.

I shall certainly make sure that these reach the Secretary of the Fund.

J. W. F. S. RICKETT

Mrs. Rosemary Misselbrook

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Area Code 809 (32)
Tel. 56171

Mrs. C. B. Misselbrook
P.O. Box N 985
Nassau
Bahamas

1st February, 1982.

Mrs. M. Thatcher,
Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
London England.

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Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE FUND

I am sending you this letter as I have mislaid the address for the Mountbatten Statue Fund, but I am sure you will be able to have this redirected for me.

I am enclosing my own personal cheque from my Husband and myself, together with a Sterling Draft for £25.00 from the Bahamas National Equestrain Federation of which I am Secretary.

A marvellous idea and I am sure the response has been excellent.

Yours sincerely,

Rosemary Misselbrook

Rosemary Misselbrook.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

7th January 1982.

Dear Mr Rickett,

I am grateful to you for your letter of 24th December - I am sorry not to have replied until now.

The report on the progress of the Mountbatten Memorial Appeal is very satisfactory.

Yours sincerely,

David Steel

William Rickett, Esq.,
Private Secretary,
10 Downing St.,
London SW1.



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I am grateful to you for your letter of 24th December -
and sorry that it is a long time before I can
reply to it. The reason for the delay is the
fact that I am very busy at the moment.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

24. December 1981

Many thanks for your letter of 22 December, and for the report on the progress of the Mountbatten Memorial Appeal. The Prime Minister was grateful for this, and I have sent it on her behalf to the sponsors of the appeal.

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Sir Arthur Hockaday, KCB, CMG.



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

24 December 1981

The Prime Minister has asked me to send you the latest news on the Mountbatten Memorial Appeal, and I attach an up-to-date report.

The Prime Minister has also asked me to send you her best wishes for a happy New Year.

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(To all sponsors)

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From: Sir Arthur Hockaday KCB CMG
Second Permanent Under Secretary of State



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22 December 1981

W F S Rickett Esq
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister

Prime Minister
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your behalf to the co-sponsors
of the appeal.*

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Dear Rickett
EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA STATUE APPEAL

With my letter of 8 October I forwarded, for the information of the Prime Minister and other sponsors, a note on the progress of this appeal.

...
2. I now enclose a further report on the situation up to last week which may be of interest to the Prime Minister and which she may again wish to consider circulating to her co-sponsors.

3. I am copying this letter and enclosure to the recipients of my earlier letter.

Yours sincerely

Arthur Hockaday

EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA STATUE APPEAL

The following sets out the situation at 16 December 1981.

Donations

1. The total sum contributed amounts to £71,000 from some 3,300 donations. These have been received from more than 35 countries; from members of the general public, from Service and ex-Service individuals and organisations, from Members of Parliament, from commerce, banking, industry and the news media. The flow of donations is now tailing off, though it is expected that they will continue into next year.

Publicity

2. While there has been no recent national publicity, there has been a very satisfactory "picking up" of the Appeal by Association, House and other magazines, periodicals and newsletters, many of which have included Appeal brochures with their publications. This has helped to widen knowledge of the Appeal and maintain the flow of contributions. It will no doubt continue into the New Year; but no further active publicity for the Appeal will be generated after 31 December, apart from short press releases to inform the general public of progress, until the prospect towards the end of the year of a Royal Film Premiere in support of the appeal - planning is in hand with the Variety Club of Great Britain in respect of the forthcoming film Gandhi.

The Statue

3. The following sculptors have accepted the invitation to take part in the limited competition:-

Franta Belsky
John Doubleday
Elisabeth Frink
Oscar Nemon
Ivor Roberts-Jones
John Wragg
David Wynne

They have been invited to see films of Admiral Mountbatten and to attend a briefing discussion in MOD in January. They will present their ideas in April for adjudication by the Selection Committee whose decision is expected to be announced in June. The unveiling is planned for early summer of 1983.

Financial

4. With interest received and less some £800 expenses, the Fund stands at £71,500. £3,500 is payable to the participating sculptors in April and, allowing for a further £500 in administrative expenses, the present balance, with interest

based on minimally reducing rates, should provide about £78,000 by the spring of 1983. Without taking account of any further donations and of the Film Premiere this should very nearly suffice to meet the currently estimated costs of the Statue (£40K), the plinth and landscaping (£20K), and maintenance (£20K). (Any residue is destined for the Mountbatten Memorial Trust whose aims are to support the United World Colleges and to further technological research to assist handicapped people.)

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THE EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA (STATUE APPEAL)



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2 November 1981

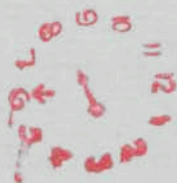
Dear Mr Rickett ^{ww} _{4/11}

Thank you for your letter of 28 October 1981. It was not a letter from Lord Mountbatten that Mr Pitt-Roche was referring to but a small extract from a letter that he had cut off with Mountbatten's signature and stuck on to one of his photographs, presumably as a memento.

It has gone back so I hope we have now cleared the air.

W Rickett Esq
Private Secretary to
the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1

Yours sincerely
L W Townsend



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Royal Family

28 October 1981

This is just to thank you for your letter of 26 October, and for dealing so promptly with Mr. Pitt-Roche's complaint. I quite understand the problems of ensuring that the vast number of enquiries you get all receive a reply.

Mr. Pitt-Roche was keen to have returned not only his photographs, but also the letter that he apparently received from Lord Mountbatten. I note that you have returned his photographs. I presume he has also got his letter back.

W F S RICKETT

Rear Admiral L. W. Townsend, C.B.E.

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John Doubleday

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26th October, 1980.

William Rickett, Esq.,
Private Secretary,
10 Downing Street,
London.

Dear Mr. Rickett,

Thank you for your letter of the 15th October which you wrote on behalf of the Prime Minister.

I received a letter from Sir Arthur Hockaday dated 21st instant, in which he invited me to submit a design for the Memorial Portrait of Lord Mountbatten. He also provided me with the details which I required.

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I am very grateful to you for your help in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

John Doubleday

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This correspondence was caught up with some papers you gave to me earlier today. I don't have any dictation on it!!

Debbie G.

24/12

letter to the Co Sponsors of the
Mountbatten Memorial Appeal
(see file in CF) (PL date re letter 24/12)

The P-M - has asked me to send
you the latest news on the Mountbatten
Memorial Appeal, and I attach an
up-to-date report.

The P-M - has also asked me to send
you her best wishes for Christmas and
the New Year.

THE EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA (STATUE APPEAL)



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Charity Reg. No. 283521

General Secretary:

Rear Admiral L.W. Townsend, CBE

26 October 1981

Dear Mr Rickett

I am sorry that you should have had such an irate letter from Mr Pitt-Roche. His first letter of 31 July addressed to me co-incided with a vast deluge of enquiries and donations. I believe his is the first on which we have had a query and, to put the record straight, I have ... attached a copy of my letter of 10 August and my letter of today's date to Pitt-Roche, sending him a copy.

We have no record of any other communication from him so I trust this will resolve the matter. You will already know that he is not amongst those who have been invited to enter the competition.

W Rickett Esq
Private Secretary to
the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1

*Yours sincerely,
Loris Jammal.*

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Rear Admiral L.W. Townsend, CBE

26 October 1981

Dear Mr Pitt-Roche

Your letter of 17 August 1981 has been referred to me by the Prime Minister's office.

... I have enclosed a copy of my letter to you of 10 August 1981 which you do not appear to have received.

As I mentioned in this letter, we have now reached the stage where a certain number of Sculptors have been approached on the advice of the Fine Arts Commission and we are waiting to know whether they wish to enter the limited competition.

... I had, in fact, written in these terms to a number of Sculptors who enquired about a commission for the statue. However, in view of your letter, I have enclosed the photographs as you have asked.

I am very sorry that the mis-chance of your not receiving the letter I wrote in August should have led you to the conclusion that your own letter had been ignored. I might also add that the letter dated 31 July is the only one that I have had direct from you.

I think I should also like to point out, again in view of the terms of your letter, that every donation and enquiry, and there are very many thousands of them, has been acknowledged by me personally or by my deputy within the same week that it was received.

As you have written to Mr Rickett, I am copying this letter to him.

H A Pitt-Roche Esq LDS
The Mill House
Greatbridge
Romsey

*Yours sincerely,
L.W. Townsend*



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Rear Admiral L.W. Townsend, CBE

10 August 1981

Dear Mr Pitt-Roche

Thank you for your letter of 31 July and I had, in fact, received your earlier letter and the photographs which you sent to the Prime Minister.

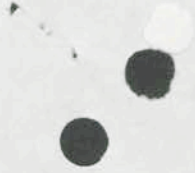
The responsibility for the organisation of the Earl Mountbatten of Burma Statue rests with a Committee set up under the directions of the Prime Minister and chaired by the 2nd Permanent Under Secretary in the Ministry of Defence.

The Committee have recently submitted proposals to the Chairman of the Royal Fine Arts Commission, suggesting certain Sculptors take part in a limited competition for the statue. The limited competition will be held under the rules of the Royal Society of British Sculptors Regulations.

Until a decision has been taken on the Sculptors to be invited I regret I cannot tell you any more. We hope that the decisions will be taken in October/November, when I shall write again.

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Yours sincerely
Laurie Johnson



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Rickett

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

23 October 1981

In the Prime Minister's absence at the Mexico Summit, I am writing on her behalf to thank you for your letter of 19 October. I am sure she will be delighted to know about the donation you hope to secure for the Mountbatten Memorial Appeal, and I know she would want me to thank you for all that you have done so far as a sponsor of the Appeal.

W. F. S. RICKETT

Lord Zuckerman, OM, KCB, FRS.

Rickett

22 October 1981

In the Prime Minister's absence at the Mexico Summit, I am writing on her behalf to thank you for your letter of 19 October. I know the Prime Minister will understand your position and why the drum does not beat very loud! I am sure she would want me to thank you for all that you have already done as a sponsor for the Mountbatten Memorial Appeal, and really would not want to put you to any more trouble.

W F S RICKETT

The Lord Trevelyan, K.G., G.C.M.G., C.I.E.,
O.B.E.

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Royal Family

22 October 1981

I enclose a letter I have received from Mr. Pitt Roche about the Mountbatten Memorial, and a copy of my reply, which I think is self-explanatory.

I should be very grateful if you could look into this, and let me have a reply which I might send to Mr. Pitt Roche. My records show that I sent you his photographs, and the letter that he received from Lord Mountbatten, on 10 July.

W F S RICKETT

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Rear Admiral L.W. Townsend, C.B.E.

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22 October 1981

Thank you very much for your letter dated 17 August about the Mountbatten Memorial, which I am afraid I have only just received.

I am sorry if you feel sore about the way you have been treated. I will look into this and let you have a full reply shortly.

W F S RICKETT

H.A. Pitt Roche, Esq.

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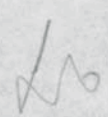
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22 October 1981

In the Prime Minister's absence at the Mexico Summit, I am writing on her behalf to thank you for your letter of 17 October. This is just to say that I am sure the Prime Minister will be very grateful to you for all your help over the Mountbatten Memorial Appeal, and indeed for all that you have done as a sponsor.

W F S RICKETT

Field Marshal Lord Harding of Petherton,
G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.



THE EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA (STATUE APPEAL)



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Rear Admiral L.W. Townsend, CBE

20 October 1981

Dear Mr Rickett

Thank you so much for your letter of 19 October and for the very generous donation from the Prime Minister to the Mountbatten Statue Fund.

I am sure that she will have been encouraged by the report from Sir Arthur Hockaday and even more so to know that the Fund has now reached a total of £43,000. The most encouraging aspect is the large number of donations we have had from individuals and Service Associations who held the Admiral in such high regard.

We shall be sending you another progress report at the end of the year when, I trust, we shall have taken another step forward.

Yours sincerely
Leslie Townsend.

W Rickett Esq
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister
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Whitehall
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The Shooting Box
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King's Lynn
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Burnham Market 359

19th October, 1981

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for sending me news about the Statue Appeal. I suspected there would be some kind of clash with the Appeal for the Mountbatten Memorial Trust. I am however hoping to secure a donation of a couple of thousand pounds from a Foundation with which I am associated.

*and I do hope
more will be forthcoming,*

*Yours ever,
Sally.*

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher,
The Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
London.

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October 19

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for letting me know the encouraging progress of the Mountbatten Memorial Appeal. In these days I am not in a position to help much in the way of collecting money for public or charitable purposes; the drum does not beat very loud - but I shall do what I can to help.

Yours Sincerely,

Tracy

CF.

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20/10



The Barton

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Dear Prime Minister

Thank you for your

letter of 12th October with a report on
the present status of the Mountbatten
Memorial Appeal. I was very glad
to hear it had made such a good
start.

I am afraid I have been rather
dilatatory in making a personal contribution
but I will be sending a modest
subscription to Admiral Townsend



shortly, and will consult with him
on what I could usefully do to muster
more support.

Yours sincerely

John Harding

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Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your letter letting me know how the Appeal for the Mountbatten Statue is going.

The difficulty in this County is that there have been so many appeals on behalf of local projects in which Lord Mountbatten was interested that most people feel they have already done enough.

However I will continue to do what I can

Yours sincerely,

Gerard Boyle

15 October 1981

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 13 October.

I have passed your letter to Rear Admiral Townsend in the Ministry of Defence who is dealing with the Mountbatten Memorial Statue, and I am sure he will be in touch with you direct.

WFSR

John Doubleday, Esq.

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John Doubleday

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13th October, 1981.

The Prime Minister's Office,
10, Downing Street,
London.

Dear Prime Minister,

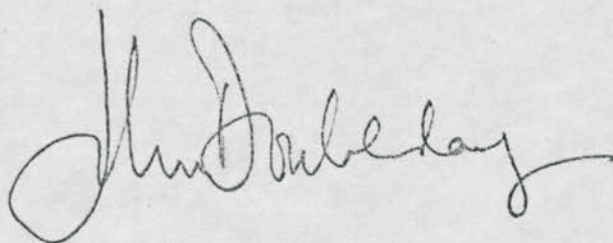
I have been referred to your Office by Mr. William Gates, who has been in correspondence with Lord Brabourne in connection with the proposed Memorial Portrait in bronze, of Lord Mountbatten.

I gather the sculptor will be chosen as a result of submissions made in open competition.

Having produced three portraits in bronze of Lord Mountbatten, and having a great personal admiration for him, I am obviously particularly interested, and if at all possible, I am anxious to use my experience as the only living sculptor who has had sittings with him. I still have a considerable volume of studies and sketches which I made while undertaking portraits for the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and himself.

I would be most grateful if you could tell me in what form you would like submissions to be made, and by what date.

Yours sincerely,



From: Sir Arthur Hockaday KCB CMG
Second Permanent Under Secretary of State



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13 October 1981

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W Rickett Esq
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Dear Rickett

EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA STATUE APPEAL

Thank you very much for your letter of 12[✓] October.

2. I am most grateful to the Prime Minister both for writing to her co-sponsors as she has, and particularly for her extremely generous personal contribution to the appeal. Admiral Townsend will be formally recording our thanks when he acknowledges the Prime Minister's cheque, but I wanted to tell you of my own personal appreciation which I know that my Secretary of State will also share.

Yours sincerely

Arthur Hockaday

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THE RT. HON. DAVID STEEL, M.P.

Box



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

13th October 1981.

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John Bruce Ruxton,

Many thanks for your note of 12th October outlining progress on the Mountbatten appeal.

I am glad to see that it is going so well. I am in particular drawing it to the attention of the Isle of Wight council in view of his associations with the island.

*Yours sincerely,
David Steel*

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
The Prime Minister,
10 Downing St.,
London SW1.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

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Miss Robitshaw
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12 October 1981

LORD MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMAN STATUTE APPEAL

Thank you very much for your letter of 8 October, and for sending me a progress report on the Mountbatten Memorial Appeal.

The Prime Minister has seen your report, and has sent it to her co-sponsors under cover of the attached letter. I hope that this will increase the number of sponsors featuring among the contributors.

The Prime Minister herself decided to contribute £50 and I shall be sending her cheque to Admiral Townsend shortly.

I am copying this to those Private Secretaries to whom you copied your letter.

W F S Rickett

Sir Arthur Hockaday, KCB, CMG

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THE PRIME MINISTER

12 October 1981

Dear Michael,

I thought you would like to know how well the Appeal for the Mountbatten Memorial is faring, and so I am sending you with this letter a report which gives the latest news. I think you will find it encouraging, but I am sure the Appeal would welcome any contributions you feel able to drum up.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

The Rt. Hon. Michael Foot, M.P.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

12 October 1981

Dear David.

I thought you would like to know how well the Appeal for the Mountbatten Memorial is faring, and so I am sending you with this letter a report which gives the latest news. I think you will find it encouraging, but I am sure the Appeal would welcome any contributions you feel able to drum up.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

The Rt. Hon. David Steel, M.P.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

12 October 1981

Dear Sir Caspar,

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Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Caspar John, G.C.B.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

12 October 1981

Dear Lord Harding,

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Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Field Marshal The Lord Harding of Petherton,
G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

12 October 1981

Dear Sir Dermot,

I thought you would like to know how well the Appeal for the Mountbatten Memorial is faring, and so I am sending you with this letter a report which gives the latest news. I think you will find it encouraging, but I am sure the Appeal would welcome any contributions you feel able to drum up.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle,
G.C.B., K.C.V.O., K.B.E., A.F.C.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

12 October 1981

Dear Lord Trevelyan,

I thought you would like to know how well the Appeal for the Mountbatten Memorial is faring, and so I am sending you with this letter a report which gives the latest news. I think you will find it encouraging, but I am sure the Appeal would welcome any contributions you feel able to drum up.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

The Lord Trevelyan, K.G., G.C.M.G., C.I.E., O.B.E.



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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

12 October 1981

Dear Solly

I thought you would like to know how well the Appeal for the Mountbatten Memorial is faring, and so I am sending you with this letter a report which gives the latest news. I think you will find it encouraging, but I am sure the Appeal would welcome any contributions you feel able to drum up.

Yours sincerely

Margaret

The Lord Zuckerman, O.M., K.C.B., F.R.S.

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10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER

Here is a progress report
on the Mountbatten Memorial
Appeal.

Yes
I think it would be a good
idea if you were to send this
to your co-sponsors to keep
them informed. If you agree,
perhaps you could sign the
attached covering letters.

If you would like to contribute
to the Appeal yourself, cheques
should be made payable to the
"Mountbatten Statue Fund".

WFSH

9 October 1981

*Yes - would
you make out -
a cheque for
£50. net*

EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA STATUE APPEAL

The appeal was launched by the Prime Minister and other sponsors in a letter to The Times on 6 July 1981. What follows sets out the situation as of 8 October 1981.

Donations

Some £40,000 have now been received from about 2,200 donors. Donations range from 50p to one of £5,000 from the City of London, but most are from individuals in relatively modest amounts.

Direct Approaches

The Chief of the Defence Staff gave a luncheon for a number of prominent personalities from the City and this has brought several large contributions and offers of help.

Several hundred personal letters have been sent to companies, publications, clubs, societies and associations. Somewhat less than half have acknowledged the letters, and in many cases Board decisions are awaited on donations. Decisions may be assisted by a recent approval by the Charity Commissioners that the appeal should have the status of a registered charity. Some organisations have declined to contribute because they have previously made a donation to the Mountbatten Memorial Trust or the Mountbatten Memorial Hall of the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Yeovilton.

... Some 50,000 copies of an appeal brochure (copy attached) have been printed and distributed to Broadlands, county shows, Navy days, Air days, Army tattoos, ex-service associations, and with service magazines.

When Parliament re-assembles, it is proposed to draw the appeal to the attention of Members through the Whips' Offices. Brochures have been placed in the House of Lords with a notice, but so far with little response.

Publicity

Daily papers in the UK, particularly the Daily Express with a special feature on the anniversary of Lord Mountbatten's death, have been helpful. There have been one or two slightly snide comments in the Daily Telegraph and Evening Standard, but of no real significance.

With the co-operation of the FCO and Service Attachés, the appeal has been publicised in 33 countries overseas, from which there has already been an encouraging response. The US Navy have given further publicity in their Naval Institute magazine.

Rear Admiral Townsend (the General Secretary of the appeal) has broadcast over the British Forces Network and letters from him have now appeared in service and defence publications - national and international.

Future Projects

Sir James Carreras has suggested that it may be possible to arrange a Royal Film Premiere in conjunction with the Variety Club of Great Britain early in 1982. This is being investigated and could be financially rewarding.

The Statue

It is intended to invite the following sculptors:

Franta Belsky
John Doubleday
Elisabeth Frink
F E McWilliam
Oscar Nemon
Ivor Roberts-Jones
John Wragg
David Wynne

to take part in a limited competition and to submit maquettes and supporting sketches in April 1982 for adjudication by a Selection Committee comprising the following:

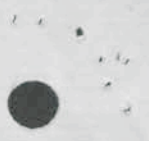
Chief of Defence Staff (Admiral of the Fleet Sir Terence Lewin)
The Countess Mountbatten of Burma
The Lady Pamela Hicks
Mr. Alan Bowness, Director of the Tate Gallery (subject to confirmation)

Sir Hugh Casson
Mr. Henry Moore
Mr. David Piper, Director of the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford
Sir Arthur Hockaday (MOD)
Mr. John Kaye (DOE)

Time Scale

It is hoped that the statue may be ready for unveiling in the spring or early summer of 1983, but this must depend on the time for sculpting and casting.

It is not intended to pursue the campaign by further approaches or distribution of brochures after the end of 1981. However, if a Film Premiere proves possible, this will provide a substantial sum, as well as a degree of publicity. The announcement of the selected design for the statue and the naming of the sculptor will also provide further publicity. This may bring further donations and, as there would be nothing to be gained by closing the fund, it is intended that it should remain open until all commitments have been met.



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THE EARL
MOUNTBATTEN
OF BURMA
STATUE
APPEAL

PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION

The Prime Minister has recently launched an appeal for a statue to commemorate the life and work of Admiral of the Fleet The Earl Mountbatten of Burma who was assassinated in 1979.



The intention

It is intended to erect a statue of Admiral of the Fleet The Earl Mountbatten of Burma, KG, PC, GCB, OM, GCSI, GCIE, GCVO, DSO, in Naval uniform. The statue will be sited on the Foreign Office green, looking across Horse Guards Parade towards the Old Admiralty Building.

A competition will be held among leading sculptors to design the statue. It is hoped to unveil it within the next 2 years.

It is estimated that one hundred thousand pounds will be required to fund the project, including the maintenance of the statue

in perpetuity. This sum to be raised by public subscription by the end of 1981.

Any surplus sums donated will go to the Mountbatten Trust for assisting the handicapped and the United World Colleges.

How you can help

The sponsors feel sure that there are many who will wish to contribute to the cost of a memorial and ask that donations, accompanied by the attached slip duly completed, should be sent to:—

Rear Admiral L W Townsend, CBE,
Room NC7,
Old Admiralty Building,
Whitehall,
London SW1A 2BE

Donations will be acknowledged unless otherwise requested. A list of donors (not amounts) will be recorded for the Mountbatten family archives.

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE FUND

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General Secretary:

Rear Admiral L W Townsend, CBE

I authorise you to debit the above donation to my account with:-

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Signature

From: Sir Arthur Hockaday KCB CMG
Second Permanent Under Secretary of State



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8 October 1981

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W Rickett Esq
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister

Dear Rickett

EARL MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA STATUE APPEAL

I understand from Admiral Townsend's office that you would like to have from me, as Chairman of the Steering Committee for this appeal, a progress report which you can show to the Prime Minister and which might also form a basis on which she could inform her co-sponsors of progress.

...

2. I attach a note which attempts to set out briefly the efforts we have made, what we have achieved so far, and our future plans. A point which I have not covered in the report, but which the Prime Minister may wish to bring delicately to the attention of her co-sponsors, is that very few of the sponsors feature as yet among the contributors!

3. I am copying this letter and enclosures for information to the Private Secretaries of those Ministers to whom (or to whose predecessors) the Prime Minister copied her letter of 22 September 1980 to Mr. Pym.

Yours sincerely

Arthur Hockaday

JS

Royal Family

15 September 1981

William Rickett, to whom you wrote on 14 September, is now on holiday, and I am therefore replying on his behalf.

We are grateful to you for clarifying your position in relation to your earlier offer, and I have taken the liberty of passing a copy of your latest letter to Rear Admiral Townsend - who will, I am sure, bear in mind the point that you have now made that you are prepared to do the work for nothing.

(SGD) T.P. LANKESTER

Michael Suttty, Esq.

(C)



YHP
cc: MOD

10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

15 September 1981

Dear Mr. Stanley-Hill,

I am most grateful for your very kind offer, in your letter of 27 August, to donate the master-negative and world copyright of your interview with Lord Mountbatten to the Mountbatten Statue Appeal.

I have passed the taped recording of the interview to the Appeal Steering Committee who will be considering the best way in which we can use it to raise funds for the Appeal. The Chairman, Sir Arthur Hockaday of the Ministry of Defence, will write to you when the Committee has reached a decision.

Meanwhile, let me repeat how much I appreciate your generous gesture.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Thatcher

Colin Stanley-Hill, Esq.

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10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER

I attach a draft letter for you to send in reply to a letter from Australia offering us the copyright on a filmed interview with Lord Mountbatten shortly before he died. I attach a draft reply, and background note at Flag A.

S.J. Pike
MP TL

14 September 1981



HANDMADE ENGLISH BONE CHINA
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MICHAEL J. SUTTY

THE PORCELAIN MANUFACTORY · THE GRANGE · KNOCKHOLT · KENT

TELEPHONE: KNOCKHOLT 2249

14th September, 1981.

W. Rickett, Esq.,
Private Secretary,
10 Downing Street, London S.W.1.

Dear Mr. Rickett,

It has been on my mind since receiving your letter and reading the following day's Press, that the offer I made to you, may have suggested that I wished to circumnavigate the procedures you are employing to select a sculptor for the Mountbatten Memorial. At the time of writing, the Press made no mention of a competition and I hope any impression of this order will be dispelled.

My objective in offering to do my part of the exercise for nothing was to gain advantage for my factory and workers. I believe that I am no exception in this day and age when making sacrifices for those we employ.

I realise it is hard for those in politics to be aware of what it is like in the world of small business. There are a number of points which I suspect they may not realise and I would just like to take the opportunity of making two points which could bear consideration:

- (1) It should be clear to a Conservative Government that the future of this country could best be served by the small business and clearly with the talents at our command, the future could centre around a renewed Arts and Crafts movement. I travel a great deal throughout the world and can assure you we have a great deal to offer in this area.
- (2) The first question any politician should ask himself when considering the small businessman is "Why does he do it?"

I hope I have clarified my position regarding the sculpture and naturally my offer still stands good but this would be dependent upon reproducing a limited edition of the figure in porcelain for general sale.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Suttty



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
MAIN BUILDING WHITEHALL LONDON SW1
Telephone 01-~~888 7022~~ 218 6169

D/S of S/PS/10

10th September 1981

Dear Willie,

FILMED INTERVIEW WITH LORD MOUNTBATTEN: LETTER FROM
MR COLIN STANLEY-HILL

I attach as requested in your letter of 1st September a draft reply for the Prime Minister to send to Mr Colin Stanley-Hill.

You will recall that Mr Stanley-Hill sent the Prime Minister a video-tape recording of a private interview with Lord Mountbatten, offering in the letter dated 27th August which accompanied it to present her with the original negative, together with the world copyright, in the hope that it could be used to raise money for the Mountbatten Statue Appeal.

The film turns out, on inspection, to contain nothing very new, and to have a strong orientation towards Australian and New Zealand audiences. The opinion of the group of COI and Defence Public Relations officials who viewed it was that British television companies would not find it of interest.

It was, however, suggested that with some editing the interview might be marketable in the form of a cassette on a direct sales basis. This would entail some advertising, probably through the 'quality' newspapers and such organisations as the Burma Star Association and the British Legion. Copies could be run off as required, so that there would be no risk of losses arising from unsold stocks.

The COI are investigating this idea with a view to estimating the likely profit to the Appeal Fund from each cassette sold, and the Appeal Steering Committee which meets in this Ministry under the Chairmanship of Sir Arthur Hockaday will wish to consider their findings. Meanwhile only an interim reply can be given to Mr Stanley-Hill, and I have drafted accordingly.

Yours ever

David PIPER

(D T PIPER)

William Rickett Esq

DRAFT LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MR. STANLEY-HILL

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JS

Mr. Stanley-Hill
15/9

1 September 1981

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from Mr. Stanley-Hill. He encloses a film of a private interview with Lord Mountbatten. He offers to give us the copyright to this film, and suggests that we sell copies of it to raise money for the Mountbatten Memorial Fund.

I should be grateful for your advice on whether we should take up Mr. Stanley-Hill's offer, and a draft reply for the Prime Minister to send to him by Tuesday 15 September.

We have not acknowledged Mr. Stanley-Hill's letter, since he lives in Australka.

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Derek Piper, Esq.,
Ministry of Defence.

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Stanley-Hill Galleries

Royal Arcade

Hilton Hotel
Sydney, 2000

Tel: 264-7659

Res: 3581924

27th August, 81

Dear Prime Minister,

The Australian press has published details of your intention to erect a statue of Admiral Earl Mountbatten of Burma, and of the appeal to raise £100,000.

On Sunday 15th July 1979, I filmed a forty minute private interview with Lord Louis at Broadlands, in which he reviewed his past life, his association with the royal family, and his views on the future.

By the tragedy of his assassination six weeks later, it is the last interview he ever gave, and as such is of historic interest.

When the film was shown on Australian national television last year, it evoked an enormous interest, and I received many requests from ex-servicemen, and others whose lives had been touched by Lord Louis, to purchase a copy of the film. Copies were sent to H.M. The Queen last Christmas.

If you consider the film could be of use in attracting funds to your appeal, I would be very pleased indeed to present you with the master negative of the film, together with the world copyright, as my small contribution to this very worthy exercise.

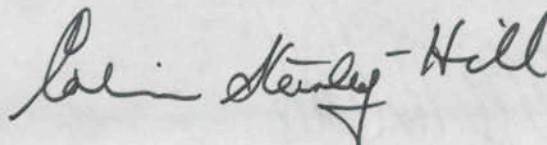
One suggestion your committee might consider, is the screening of the film by a British television network, followed by details of where film and VTR copies could be purchased, all proceeds to go to the Mountbatten Appeal Fund.

Following the enormous sales of VTR copies of the royal wedding film, one would imagine that sales of the Mountbatten film, to Burma Star veterans, and other servicemen associated with Lord Louis, could prove a valuable source of additional income.

I enclose a VTR copy of the film for assessment by your committee. The colour and clarity will be far superior for a completed VTR or film version from the master negative.

With respect, your daughter Carol knows me, and has worked with me on Australian television, and can doubtless vouch for my credibility.

Yours sincerely,



Colin Stanley-Hill

The Prime Minister,
10, Downing Street,
LONDON W.I.

THE MILL HOUSE,
GREATBRIDGE,
ROMSEY. 17.8.81

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William Rickett Esq.,
Secretary
10, Downing St.

Dear Mr Rickett, re Mountbatten Memorial

I enclose your letter of July 10th
last.

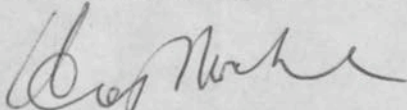
I wrote subsequently to Rear Admiral
Townsend on this subject of a sculpture I could
offer without a fee but received no reply

I wrote again in similar vein and still
received no reply.

I presume either your department or
Townsend's may have the photograph and personal
letter I sent which Lord Mountbatten wrote me and
which I value.

Since it now appears that Townsend is
not interested may I have my photographs and letter
back, please? I feel a bit sore about the way
I have been treated. I have been brought up to
believe that a Naval Officer always had good manners.

Yours sincerely,



H. A. Pitt Roche. L.D.S.



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

10 July 1981

Dear Mr Pitt Roche

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 8 July about the Mountbatten Memorial.

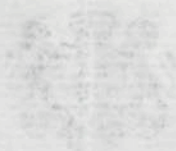
She was very grateful for your offer to execute the commission for the statue. I am sending your letter to Rear Admiral Townsend, Secretary of the Memorial Appeal, asking him to take your offer into account.

*yours sincerely
William Rickett*

H.A. Pitt Roche, Esq.

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10 DOWNING STREET

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Royal
Family

Note for the Record.

Mountbatten
Memorial.

progress report to

Sponsors. Early October.

WR to

WR

R H

Royal Society

cc:- Rear Admiral L Townsend

5 August, 1981

Thank you for your letter of 31 July, in which you ask to be considered for the commission to execute the memorial to Lord Mountbatten.

I am passing your letter to Rear Admiral Townsend, Secretary of the Mountbatten Memorial Fund. He will take your kind offer into account when any competition for the commission is set up.

W. F. S. RICKETT

D Wynne, Esq

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RUSHMERE,
12 SOUTH SIDE,
WIMBLEDON COMMON,
LONDON, S.W.19
TELEPHONE 01-946 1514

GR/ There is a standard reply to these
probably in the Mountbatten
memorial file in CF. Pl find me
and type.

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slr

31st July 1981.

The Principal Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
Westminster,
S.W.1.

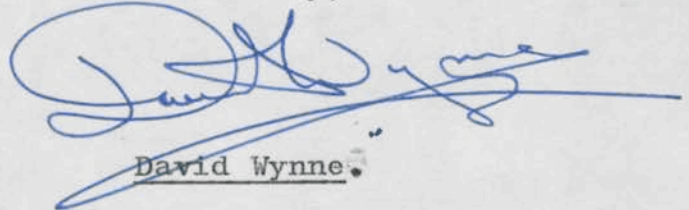
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Dear Sir,

I noted in the Times on July 7th that there was
to be a statue erected in London to the late Lord Mountbatten.

I am writing to ask that I may be included among those
considered for this commission. I recently executed a bust
of Lord Mountbatten for the R.A.C. club in Pall Mall of which
he was president. The present president H.R.H. Prince Michael
of Kent and the Countess Mountbatten gave much assistance
over the likeness. The bust is to the waist, and with full
decorations.

Yours sincerely,



David Wynne



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

27 July 1981

Dear Nicholas

Thank you for your letter of 8 July about the proposal to erect a memorial statue to Lord Mountbatten in London.

A number of possible sites for the statue were carefully considered, including the one you propose in Trafalgar Square. Lord Mountbatten's place in our national life and the striking variety of roles which he performed with such distinction in a long career make it unusually difficult to find a location certain to command universal approval.

The site on the Foreign Office Green, which was chosen after thorough consideration of the alternatives and in consultation with The Queen and the Mountbatten family, recognises that Lord Mountbatten was more than just an eminent sailor or military man. The naval connection is not lost sight of, since his statue in naval uniform will look out across Horseguards Parade to the Old Admiralty Building which he knew so well. But the proximity of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office also recognises, as I believe is right, his role as Viceroy of India at an important moment in the history of that country and this.

Yours ever

MT

Nicholas Fairbairn, Esq., Q.C., M.P.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
MAIN BUILDING WHITEHALL LONDON SW1
Telephone 01-~~836 7822~~ 218 6169

D/S of S/PS/10

20th July 1981

Dear Willie,

*Pl type for PM
WM
2/1/1*

You sent me with your letter of 9th July a copy of one to the Prime Minister from Nicholas Fairbairn MP, in which he suggests that an equestrian statue of Lord Mountbatten on the vacant plinth in Trafalgar Square would be preferable to the proposed naval statue on the Foreign Office Green. I now attach a draft reply for the Prime Minister to send to Mr Fairbairn.

The draft attempts to explain to Mr Fairbairn the reasons behind the choice of the site on the Foreign Office Green. Here, however, we are at something of a disadvantage, since I do not believe that these have ever been explicitly spelled out by the Prime Minister in any document of which we have a copy. I have stated some of the considerations which I suspect may have weighed with her in making the choice, but you may well wish to revise this part of the draft to reflect her thinking more accurately if I have guessed incorrectly!

I am copying this letter to Jeff Channing (Department of Environment).

Yours ever,

D T Piper

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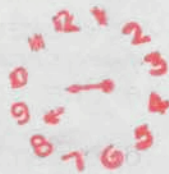
William Rickett Esq

~~The P.M. has asked me~~ MOUNTBATTEN STATUE

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cc: DOD
(Rear Adm.
Townsend)

10 July 1981

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She was very grateful for your offer to execute the commission for the statue. I am sending your letter to Rear Admiral Townsend, Secretary of the Memorial Appeal, asking him to take your offer into account.

W F S RICKETT

H.A. Pitt Roche, Esq.

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ORIGINAL LETTER
AND ENCS SENT TO
REAR ADM. L. W.
TOWNSEND, CBE,
Defence Services
Secretary, MOD

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N. FAIRBAIRN MP

9 July 1981

I enclose a letter to the Prime Minister from Nicholas Fairbairn, M.P. He suggests that the Mountbatten Memorial should be sited on the equestrian plinth in Trafalgar Square.

I should be grateful if you could provide a draft reply for the Prime Minister to send to Mr. Fairbairn, to reach us by 23 July.

I am copying this letter to Jeff Channing (Department of the Environment).

W F S RICKETT

Derek Piper, Esq.,
Ministry of Defence

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9 July 1981

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 8 July about the Mountbatten Statue.

I will place this before the Prime Minister at once and you will be sent a reply as soon as possible.

WILLIE RICKETT

Nicholas Fairbairn, Esq., Q.C., M.P.

Handwritten mark

THE MILL HOUSE
GREATBRIDGE
ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE
SO5 0HP
ROMSEY 512207

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8th July 1981

Dear Prime Minister,

IN 1978/9 I was asked to sculpture a portrait bust of Lord Louis Mountbatten at his home here in Romsey.

I sculptured two busts and he was delighted with the first but did not live to see the second.

He asked me to sell him ten copies for his own private use and this I was able to do by making them myself at cost.

We then had some conversation about my adding on the figure to the existing sculptured head because he said he was certainly not going to sit again for any sculptor and would like to see my sculpture so used. But we later agreed that the cost of casting a bronze statue would be beyond the means of the local Authority. He had hoped to see a statue at the Mountbatten School. So after his death I presented the school with a casting of the head.

If you would care to see the two sculptures I could bring them to London and leave them in your care.

If it were then thought that my sculptured head might be suitably used for a heroic figure I would be happy to carry out the work without a fee. By using a professional model wearing Naval uniform this would not be difficult.

I enclose various photographs and a letter (cutting

Yours

Sincerely

H. A. Pitt Roche

H. A. Pitt Roche. L.D.S.

From:- Nicholas Fairbairn, QC., MP.



c.c. Mr. Pattison

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

8th July, 1981.

My dear Margaret

Mountbatten Statue

I am delighted by your announcement that there is to be a statue of Lord Mountbatten, but may I make a suggestion as to a preferable site to that chosen. In Trafalgar Square there is an empty equestrian plinth.

Mountbatten was a great sailor, probably the last we will be able to identify, and a great horseman, and the last action we saw him in public was on horseback at the Birthday Parade. If he doesn't sit on a horse on that plinth, no-one ever will.

I know it will be more expensive, but he ought to join the great sailors.

I hope this suggestion
appeals to you & all
concerned
with the
—

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
Prime Minister,
10, Downing Street,
London, S.W. 1.

R H

Royal family

cc:- Rear Admiral L Townsend 7.7.

CF

7 July, 1981

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 6 July, in which you ask to be considered for the commission to execute the memorial to Lord Mountbatten.

I am passing your letter to Rear Admiral Townsend, Secretary of the Mountbatten Memorial Fund. He will take your kind offer into account when any competition for the commission is set up.

W.F. S. RICKETT

Michael J Sully, Esq

RH

cc Rear Admiral L Townsend
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W. F. S. RICKETT

F Belsky, Esq

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Belsky FRBS ARCA 12 Pembroke Studios Pembroke Gardens London W8 6HX telephone 603 3527

6 July 1981

Dear Mr. Whitmore, ^{29th} - Part 1 attached

When I wrote to you in September 1980 inquiring about the Lord Mountbatten sculpture, you told me that I would be included in the list of competitors.

Now that the competition is imminent, it may interest the organisers to see a copy of the RBS regulations for competitions which have been carefully drafted by our professional body and have been successfully used on a number of occasions.

Yours sincerely,
Graham J. J. J.

Clive Whitmore, Esq
The Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street, SW1

No need to
ack.

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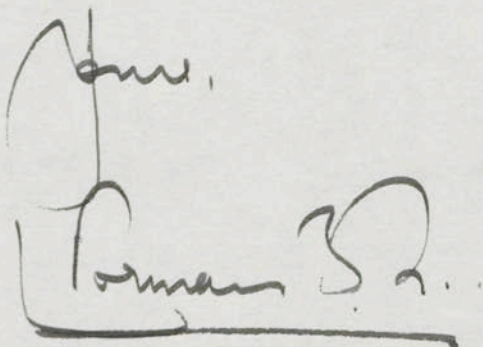
THE SECRETARY
OF CHANCELLERY
PARLIAMENT
WESTMINSTER PALACE
LONDON SW1A 0AA

6th of July, 1981

My dear Mr Thatcher,

I was delighted to read the letter which appeared in THE TIMES about the proposed Memorial to Lord Mountbatten, and I hope that this splendid launching will ensure the fine response which this appeal deserves.

With best regards,



The Rt Hon. Mrs Margaret H. Thatcher, MA, BSc, MP..



HANDMADE ENGLISH BONE CHINA
AND TERRACOTTA FIGURINES

MICHAEL J. SUTTY

THE PORCELAIN MANUFACTORY · THE GRANGE · KNOCKHOLT · KENT

TELEPHONE: KNOCKHOLT (0959) 32249

6th July, 1981.

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. M. Thatcher,
10 Downing Street,
London SW1

RT

Dear Prime Minister,

Memorial to Lord Mountbatten of Burma

You may possibly remember that we have met briefly on two occasions and apart from the model I made for you, you expressed some interest in the military figures we make. I read this morning in The Times of your proposal to erect a memorial to the late Lord Louis Mountbatten. Just before his murder took place, we were discussing a commission with him. Although I never met him, I feel he represented a golden breed who contributed very greatly to the freedom which I and the rest of my fellow countrymen enjoy today. It is for this reason that I'd like to make the following offer:

I would be prepared to make the sculpture to whatever size the committee would like, absolutely free of charge. I'm afraid they would still have to pay for the bronze and the foundry work - although we can perhaps suggest to the foundry that they can at least donate some of their labour costs to the charity in this "Year of the Disabled".

Regarding the sculpture, I would of course place myself in the hands of your Committee and am confident that I can give them anything from a photographic likeness to an abstract concept. If at anytime they were not satisfied with what I produced, there would be no commitment to proceed further. I am also in a position to suggest that miniature bone china versions of the model could be produced by my own factory and we would present them to the Committee at cost. They would then be able to raise more funds by reselling at a suitable retail price.

When we last met you did discuss my concern over the future of my Company. Although it is still extremely tough, we have



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had magnificent support from the Regiments we have been dealing with and I am hopeful that we can do a good job for the services. I believe with hard work and dedication we stand a good chance of surviving and for that hope for the future I would like to thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Suttly

LONDON SALES OFFICE AND SHOWROOM
11 DUKE STREET, ST. JAMES'S, LONDON, SW1Y 6BN
TELEPHONE: 01-930 1144

'THE TIMES' 6 JULY 1981

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Memorial to Lord Mountbatten of Burma

From the Prime Minister and others

Sir, We believe there are many people in this country and overseas, and from all walks of life, who would wish to see a memorial erected to commemorate the life and work of Admiral of the Fleet the Earl Mountbatten of Burma, KG, GCB, OM, GCSI, GCIE, GCVO, DSO, who, after a lifetime of service to the British Commonwealth of Nations, was so tragically killed in 1979.

We propose that the memorial should be a statue in Naval uniform, situated on the green verge to the south of the Horse Guards Parade and looking over the Parade towards the Old Admiralty Building.

Admiral Mountbatten's achievements as a sailor, a military commander and a statesman are now a part of the history of the twentieth century and made even more remarkable by his own determination to dedicate himself to a career in the Royal Navy at a time when title and privilege could so easily have led to a more comfortable life. His exploits as the Captain of HMS Kelly, his leadership as the Commander of Combined Operations, and his victories as Supreme Allied Commander in South-east Asia, all bore the imprint of the professional fighting man. As the last Viceroy of India his

tasks were perhaps even more formidable, yet few statesmen could have accomplished as much.

At a time when he might have rested on these laurels, it was at his own wish that he returned to sea in the Royal Navy as a rear-admiral, which led to his appointment as First Sea Lord and, finally, as Chief of the Defence Staff.

We feel sure that there are many who will wish to contribute to the cost of a memorial and we ask that donations, which will be acknowledged, should be sent to: Rear-Admiral L. W. Townsend, Defence Services Secretary, Mountbatten Memorial Fund, Old Admiralty Building, London, SW1.

Any moneys which may be received in excess of the cost of the memorial will be passed to the Mountbatten Trust for assisting the handicapped and the United World Colleges.

Yours, etc.

MARGARET THATCHER
MICHAEL FOOT
DAVID STEEL
HARDING OF PETHERTON
TREVELYAN
S. ZUCKERMAN
DERMOT BOYLE
CASPAR JOHN,
10 Downing Street, SW1.
July 5.

Royal
Family



File LH

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

3 July 1981

re. L. Pilpel

We spoke about the letter the Prime Minister hopes you will publish. This is enclosed.

As you requested, I have asked each of the signatories to sign a copy of the text of the letter. I can assure you that they have all agreed to do so, and I will forward the signed copies as they arrive. Those we have already received are enclosed.

I can also assure you that the signatories had no objections to the order in which their signatures appear.

The Prime Minister hopes that you will feel the letter is sufficiently important to publish. If you agree, she would be very grateful if it could appear on Monday 6 July.

Yours sincerely,

William Kirkcaldy

L. Pilpel, Esq.

CB

PRIME MINISTER

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE

- ✓ 1 Tell Bernard
- ✓ 2 Tell Fob's office of publication date
- ✓ 3 confirm X minute ~~15~~ auto.
- ✓ 4 Tell messenger to deliver to Dilgeal himself.

All the people you approached to sponsor the appeal for this statue have agreed, and I have confirmed with Lady Mountbatten that she has no last minute objections. The way is now clear for you to write to the Editor of the Times as attached. The letter is on plain paper because of the variety of signatories.

I have consulted Bernard Ingham and the Northern Ireland Office on timing. Both agree we should aim for publication next Monday. I have warned the signatories of the letter that we are aiming to publish on Monday.

Content?

X/ The Chief of Defence Staff would like to issue invitations to his fund-raising lunch early on the day of publication, saying that his invitations are issued on your behalf.

Content?

Yes
no
WFSR

2 July 1981

We believe there are many people in this country and overseas, and from all walks of life, who would wish to see a memorial erected to commemorate the life and work of Admiral of the Fleet the Earl Mountbatten of Burma, KG, GCB, OM, GCSI, GCIE, GCVO, DSO, who after a lifetime of service to the British Commonwealth of Nations, was so tragically killed in 1979.

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Rear Admiral L W Townsend
Defence Services Secretary
Mountbatten Memorial Fund
Old Admiralty Building
London, SW1

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Margaret Thatcher
Michael Foot
David Steel
Harding of Petherton
Trevelyan
S. Zuckerman
Dermot Boyle
Caspar John

The Editor of The Times

Woodbatten Station

file

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FAIR GALLOP
BRIGHTON ROAD
SWAY
HAMPSHIRE SO4 0EA
LYMINGTON 682322

1st July 81

Dear Private Secretary,

As agreed on the telephone today I herewith return the copy of the proposed letter to the Times duly amended and signed.

Yrs sincerely,

David B. Cole

MOUNT BATTEN MEMORIAL

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Sir Caspar John Trethewey Mousehole Penzance Cornwall TR19 6QQ

Mousehole (073 673) 775

1st July 1981

Dear Private Secretary -

Following our telephone conversation
today - I have made the alterations
you have outlined in the draft letter
to the Times & have signed - herewith.

Yours faithfully

Caspar John

From: Michael Foot MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

29 June 1981

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signature
assured.

2.30

Sunday pm
to ST. Office with
Commissioner to

ring for Pilpel,
most L Pilpel,
Letters Editor.
Cheth Teho
877-1234 x 7322

Dear Michael,

Thank you for sending me a draft letter to
The Times in connection with the memorial for
Lord Mountbatten. I am content with its terms.

Perhaps you would let me know when it is
likely to appear.

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher MP

Sir Caspar John Trethewey Mousehole Penzance Cornwall TR19 6QQ

Mousehole (073 673) 775

c/7 p/s

26th June 1981

Dear Prime Minister (29/6)

I am replying to your letter of 23rd June, concerning a public memorial to Lord Mountbatten.

I confess to an antipathy to national memorial statues, but I am reassured that such as the Mountbatten Trust exemplifies his international life and work, so it would be churlish of me not to support you as a sponsor to be included in your proposed letter to The Times.

Yours sincerely
Caspar John



CABINET OFFICE
70 WHITEHALL
LONDON SW1A 2AS

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26 June 1981

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for the invitation to associate myself as
a sponsor in the public appeal for a statue of Lord Mountbatten.
I gladly accept.

/ I attach the draft letter to The Times, which I have
signed.

*Yours sincerely,
S. Zuckerman*

S. ZUCKERMAN

The Rt. Hon.
Margaret Thatcher, MP

From Field Marshal Lord Haig of Petterton

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DTG 4 Q A

25th June '81

Dear Prime Minister

Thank you for your letter of 23rd

June about a public appeal for funds to put
up a statue in London to Admiral of the
Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma. I shall be
very happy to join with you and others in
signing a letter to The Times to start off the
appeal.

The draft letter which you kindly
enclosed seems to me to be entirely appropriate
and I have no comments to make on it.

Yours sincerely

Haig of Petterton

R27/6

FAIR GALLOP
BRIGHTON ROAD
SWAY
HAMPSHIRE SO4 0EA
LYMINGTON 682322

24. 6. 81

Dear Prime Minister,

I thank you for your letter of the 23rd June regarding a public memorial to the late Lord Mountbatten of Burma.

I certainly agree to be a signatory to a letter to the Times on the lines you propose and to be a sponsor for the appeal.

May I take advantage of this opportunity to send you my sincere good wishes for success in the enormous task of Prime

Minister which you are
facing with such courage,
skill and determination.

Yours sincerely,
Dermot Boyle

(Sir Dermot Boyle)

13 WILTON STREET
LONDON SW1X 7AF
01-235 4503

June 24

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Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your letter of June 23
about the proposed public memorial to
Admiral of the Fleet Lord Mountbatten of Burma.
I shall be honoured to join with you as a sponsor
of this appeal .

Yours sincerely,

Harold Gurney

Royal family.

MR. WHITMORE

The Mountbatten Appeal

As I mentioned to you earlier this afternoon, Lord Trevelyan rang today with a comment on the draft letter to The Times launching the Mountbatten Appeal. He thought that the reference to Lord Mountbatten's achievements in India "in so short a time" was unfortunate. He suggested that it should be amended or omitted since many "old India hams" ^{*} thought that Lord Mountbatten had acted too quickly and that much loss of life had resulted.

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* the victims of big striking exploits
presumably.

24 June 1981

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THE RT. HON. DAVID STEEL, M.P. ² Prime Minister



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

23rd June 1981. ^{2 R6}

To see
1 Mr Whitmore 12/1
2 file 24/11
24/6

David Steel

Very many thanks for your letter of 23rd June about the statue of Lord Mountbatten.

I readily agree with what you propose, and am happy that my signature be added to the letter.

Yours,

David Steel

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
The Prime Minister,
10 Downing St.,
London SW1.

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Raymond Hester

The Right Honourable Michael Foot, M.P.

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NOTE FOR THE RECORD

MOUNTBATTEN STATUE

The Prime Minister mentioned at her meeting this morning with the Home Secretary, the Chairman of the Party and the Chief Whip that she had misgivings about launching the appeal for the Mountbatten statue so close to the Royal Wedding. She acknowledged that if the appeal was delayed still further, the response to it when it was eventually launched might be poor, the more so as the second round of the Memorial Trust appeal was about to be initiated and would have a clear field, if the statue appeal was deferred until, say, the autumn. On the other hand, she was not certain that an appeal for a statue of a dead man was timely when the Royal Wedding was so close.

The others present at the meeting all said that it would not have occurred to them that it would be inopportune to launch the statue appeal close to the Royal Wedding. They agreed entirely that it would not be appropriate for the letter to The Times to appear in the same week as the Royal Wedding, but they saw no harm in the appeal being launched in early July.

The Prime Minister said that, in the light of her colleagues' advice, she would write immediately to the five people who were being invited to join her, Mr Foot and Mr Steel in signing the letter to The Times and she would aim to get the letter to The Times published in early July. If, for whatever reason, this was not possible and the letter could not appear until the latter half of July, it would probably be better not to send it but to postpone launching the appeal until October or November.

22 June 1981

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Note

I spoke to Lady Mountbatten this afternoon to tell her that it was proposed to publish the letter to The Times in early July. She welcomed this.

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Home Ministers.

Following this morning's
 discussion on the Mountbatten
 Statute appeal I attach for
 your signature the letters I
 submitted earlier. They have
 been amended in one small
 respect to take account of the
 lapse of time since they were
 first drafted.

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Mountbatten Statue

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interested in a Wedding. I don't
think it will do very well

We were about to put a submission to you three or four weeks ago outlining the next steps on the appeal for the Mountbatten statue when we heard that Lady Mountbatten had been in touch with the Ministry of Defence to say that the Memorial Trust Appeal had been going more slowly than had been originally planned and that the second round of that Appeal was being launched only now. She was concerned that if the Statue Appeal was announced very shortly after the second round of the Memorial Trust Appeal, the Memorial Trust might not get as much money as it would have done if it had had the field all to itself. She therefore hoped that we would consider delaying the Statue Appeal for some months.

I then tried to have a word myself with Lady Mountbatten about this but at the time she was overseas. Instead we spoke to Mr. Biles, who is the new secretary of the Mountbatten Trust (there are signs that his predecessor had to go because he was not making much of a fist of the Trust, and this might explain why the Trust Appeal has been going more slowly than it should have done). Mr. Biles took generally the same line as Lady Mountbatten but went further in suggesting that the Statue Appeal should be postponed until the spring of 1982.

I was concerned at the prospect of such a long delay in launching the Statue Appeal. We had already deferred the start of the Appeal from the autumn of last year to the beginning of this in order to let the Memorial Trust Appeal get off to a clear start. We had then delayed a further 4-5 months for a number of reasons, including the controversy over the part Lord Mountbatten was said to have played in Mr. Cecil King's activities in 1968. All in all, we should have given the Memorial Trust Appeal a clear start of about 9 months before the letter from you, Mr. Foot and Mr. Steel launching the Statue Appeal was published in the Times. It seemed to me that if we now in effect doubled this period by extending it until the spring of next year, we should find that

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virtually all the sources of funds we should want to tap for the Statue Appeal had been approached certainly once and possibly twice already by the Trust Appeal, and that people would be irritated to find that after one major Mountbatten Appeal lasting 18 months another one was being launched. There was a real risk of the Statue Appeal flopping badly if we proceeded in this way.

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under FOI Exemptions.*

*Wayland
19 July 2013*

I am sorry to inflict this saga upon you, but I think that you should know why there has been this further delay. It seems pretty clear that the Memorial Trust Appeal has not been handled

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particularly well so far and that Mr. Biles is now trying to make up lost ground. I also have the distinct impression that, in Lady Mountbatten's eyes, the Statue Appeal takes second place to the Trust Appeal. On the other hand, you have obtained The Queen's approval for the erection of the statue and you got the agreement of Mr. Foot and Mr. Steel in March to join you in launching the Statue Appeal with a letter to the Times. They will all be wondering why nothing appears to be happening, and I think it would be hard to explain to them that there was going to be a further delay of 6-9 months. If you agree that we should go ahead now with the Statue Appeal, the next steps are:-

- i) For you to write to the other suggested sponsors of the public appeal (Sir Caspar John, Lord Harding, Sir Dermot Boyle, Lord Zuckerman and Lord Trevelyan) asking them to join you, Mr. Foot and Mr. Steel in signing the letter to the Times to launch the Appeal. Letters to them for your signature are in the attached folder.
- ii) For you to clear with Mr. Foot and Mr. Steel the draft of the letter to the Times, which they have not seen before. Letters to them are also in the attached folder.

The Chief of the Defence Staff would like to give a lunch to tap city funds. He would like to time the arrangements so that the invitations go out before your letter appears in the Times (the need for confidentiality at that stage would be stressed) but the lunch itself would be held after the publication of your letter. The Chief of the Defence Staff would like to be able to say, when issuing invitations to the lunch, that he had been asked to do so by you. Are you content with this?

JAW.

3 June 1981

PART _____ 1 _____ ends:-

MOD to CAW of 29/5/87.

PART _____ 2 _____ begins:-

CAW to PM of 3/6/87

